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## WHARVES ON PARACELS.

## MARINERS' INTERESTING REPORTS.

### A BASE FOR SMUGGLING?

Recent reports that a new harbour has been established on one of the Paracels Islands are given credence amongst local shipping men, for different masters whose vessels have lately passed Mowey Island say that three cement wharves have been built on its eastern side and that the reef which forms a lagoon extending to the eastward from that island affords excellent protection from the sea. General belief amongst mariners is that Japanese interests have laid down these new works, but whether as a result of obtaining rights to do so from the Chinese Government is not known. In some circles it is suggested that the Paracels are being used as a centre of distribution for the smuggling of arms and drugs into China.

In connection with these reports, it is recalled that some year or so ago, a large Chinese junk was confiscated by a Chinese cruiser about forty miles from Pakhoi after being found carrying a cargo of opium and other drugs, and it is said that the master, after much questioning, admitted that he obtained his cargo from a harbour on the east side of Money Island. Another report is to the effect that a few months ago a junk was intercepted steering N.W. from the Paracels, about 30 miles off, by a Central Government cruiser and that on being searched she was found to have on board a large consignment of Japanese rifles, machine-guns and ammunition.

Some three years ago, the Pacific Mail steamer *Jacox*, passed close to Money Island at twilight, when the captain sighted a steamer lying inside Money Island. He reported later that he thought this steamer was a wreck, because although she should have had her lights showing, there were none to be seen. He attempted to signal to the steamer, but received no answer. After remaining there about half an hour, he left the locality and proceeded on his voyage. This was the official report of what was observed. Later, however, the captain is said to have stated that he had distinguished the steamer as a Japanese vessel, and that he had observed her to be in communication with the shore by means of large boats.

### A DANGEROUS GROUP.

The Paracels are a group of small islands and reefs contained between the latitudes of 16 and 17 degrees North and between the longitudes of 111.30, and 112.45 East. Two of the extremities of the group, however, are not inside the above named boundaries, namely the North Reef which lies in 17.8° north latitude and between the longitudes of 111.27 E. and 111.35 E., and the south-western outpost, Triton Island which lies in 15.47 N. and 111.16 E. The latter "island" is simply a dangerous reef with a stone or rock protruding three feet above the ordinary waterline in its middle.

### NO MAN'S LAND."

This group of islands lies as an obstruction in the path of all vessels bound from Hongkong or Swatow to Saigon or Bangkok, and also to a lesser degree in the way of vessels bound from the China Coast to Singapore. On account of the slight height of these islands and reefs, for which reason it is difficult to sight them in the day time, and because they to this day remain unlighted, they have always been the dread of all seafarers, who endeavour to avoid them as much as possible. Nevertheless, hundreds of vessels have met their doom there, especially on the North Reef (the north-western extremity) and on the Bombay Reef (the south-eastern extremity) and the daring master who ventured near those treacherous places could generally distinguish them by the number of when they ran short.

### TYPHOID ORIGIN.

#### EXPERT INVESTIGATION NEEDED.

#### DR. KOCH'S SUGGESTION.

The question of discovering the origin of the local outbreak of typhoid is to be raised at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, when Dr. W. V. M. Koch will move a resolution on the subject. Dr. Koch's resolution is in the following terms:

"In view of the steady persistence of typhoid fever in the Colony, and of the fact that no investigation of the source of the infection has thus far been undertaken, this Board respectfully urges the Government to solicit the assistance of the Public Health experts attached to the Naval and Military service to undertake such investigation, or alternatively to apply to the Rockefeller Institute for the service of an expert to undertake such investigation."

### JAPANESE FIRM IN DIFFICULTIES.

#### FOREIGN BANKS AMONG CREDITORS.

Tokyo, Feb. 22. Messrs. Takata & Co. are in financial difficulties due to heavy losses, which are attributed to the 1920 depression, the results of the earthquake, the 1923 depression and to exchange.

The liabilities are stated to exceed Yen 50,000,000, and the assets between Yen 42,000,000 and Yen 43,000,000.

The firm's difficulties are confirmed by a statement that the Government, to whom application had been made to assist the firm, is unable to comply.

Business at present is not suspended and it is believed that the firm is likely to be reorganized for the purpose of taking over all the assets and liabilities.

The Eiraku Bank, which is a creditor to the extent to Yen 9,000,000, announces suspension of payment three weeks from today.

Messrs. Takata & Co.'s creditors met this afternoon, headed by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Bank of Chosen, Mitsui Bank, Mitsubishi Bank, and the Industrial Bank, besides 15 others, including the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

The first five banks were appointed a committee to investigate the position of the firm and to report.

Later, the affairs of Messrs. Takata & Co. are attracting much attention, pending the decision of the creditor banks. While some advocate assistance from the banks to the firm, a considerable section of business opinion holds the view that matters should take their normal course with a view to strengthening the economic structure of the country.—*Daily Bulletin*.

### MOTOR ACCIDENT.

#### KNOCKED DOWN BY UNIVERSITY MAN.

A car driven by Mr. D. W. Morley, of the Hongkong University, knocked a Chinaman over at Caine Road, near Lower Castle Road, during the week-end.

The accident was caused by the man running across the road in front of the car. Taking the man in the car to the Government Civil Hospital, Mr. Morley reported to the police that the injuries consisted of abrasions to the knees and hands.

### KING'S ILLNESS.

#### LONG RECOVERY EXPECTED.

#### YACHT CRUISE RECOMMENDED.

London, Feb. 22. His Majesty's three medical attendants paid a lengthy visit to the Palace this evening. They issued a bulletin at eight o'clock as follows:

"The King passed a fair day. There is still a rise of temperature in the evening, but the slow progress continues. The onset of influenza is somewhat severe. The bronchitis is extending to the bases of the lungs—a form of malady apt to be tedious and resistant. In order to secure complete restoration to health and fitness we advise, when convalescence is reached, that His Majesty should proceed to South Europe and on a yacht cruise of a few weeks.—Reuter.

### SOVIET'S DEBTS.

#### CONDITIONS FOR REPAYMENT.

Moscow, Feb. 22. Interviewed by the Rosta news agency, at Leningrad, M. Krassin



M. Krassin.

stated that probably next week Soviet exports headed by M. Prokhorov would accompany him to Paris to begin a preliminary examination of the French claims with regard to debts, and inform the French exports of the Soviet counter-claims, arising from losses owing to foreign intervention in Russia.

The negotiations would be long and difficult. The Soviet, although it has definitely refused to admit the legality of debts contracted under the Czarist regime, had not refused to come to an arrangement with bond holders provided the total of Russia's debt be reduced. Even partial compensation to bond holders depended on the granting of big long term loans to Russia.

The Soviet would be prepared to come to a definite agreement with regard to debts under certain conditions. If financial assistance were received from France sufficiently generous to enable it to spend the surplus on the compensation of bond holders.

### DESERT BOMBING PRACTICE.

#### IN SHADOW OF PYRAMIDS.

Cairo, Feb. 22.

The examination of the persons arrested and suspected of connection with the murder of the same body.—Reuter.

### THE FOOSHING."

#### OFF THE ROCKS.

#### WILL PROBABLY BE BEACHED.

Salvage work is progressing on the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Fooshing, which is ashore on the Lammeeks. The vessel appears to be badly damaged, and the success of the salvage operations will depend on the weather.

This morning, a wireless message was received from the tug Kenny Keswick, this stating that everything possible is being done to save the vessel, that a fresh monsoon is blowing and that everything now depends on weather conditions. Some of the cargo is being jettisoned in the effort to float the boat, but the vessel is rather badly damaged for about a third of her length from the stem.

The s.s. Kwongsang, belonging to the same Company, arrived in Hongkong this morning and reported that she stood by the stranded vessel on Sunday, taking off the Chinese passengers and the comprador's staff, who were landed at Swatow.

The master of the Fooshing (Capt. McAinsh) is still aboard the vessel, together with officers and engineers.

It appears that the vessel is hanging on by her bow to one of the White Rocks, a small cluster lying three miles in a south-westerly direction from the Lammeeks Island lighthouse.

VESSEL GOT OFF.

Later.

We are informed by Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. that a message was received this afternoon by the Kowloon Docks to the effect that the Fooshing has been got off the rocks and is being towed to Namou Island, which is situated north-west of White Rocks.

It is probable that the steamer will be beached there for repairs, so as to make her seaworthy before proceeding either to Swatow or Hongkong.

The news of the salvage of the vessel has given great satisfaction to her owners.

### AN OLD TOPIC.

#### AND A FORGOTTEN THRILL.

Baltimore, Feb. 22.

Mr. Owen Young, of Dawes plan fame, receiving an honorary degree at the Johns Hopkins University, recalled the thrill felt by the world when the United States first suggested the destruction of some of the implements of warfare as a step towards peace.

He declared the next thing that happened was the passage by the American Congress, "without careful study, without many facts, without restraint either in word or act" of An Immigration Bill, offensive to the pride and dignity of a great nation in the Pacific.

According to the Rosta news agency, a Russian oil syndicate has contracted with a Belgian company for the delivery of 650,000 tons of oil yearly, from the Grosny oilfields, for five years, beginning in 1926.—Reuter.

### RUSSIAN OIL.

#### BIG CONTRACT REPORTED.

Moscow, Feb. 22. It is officially announced that 120,000 tons of oil were reported from Russia in January, principally to Italy, then Germany, Egypt, Britain, and France.

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### LOS ANGELES RETURNS.

#### MAJLS SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERED.

New York, Feb. 22.

The dirigible Los Angeles returned to Lakehurst hangar at midnight, from Bermuda, where it dropped its mail-bag in the garden of the Governor's residence at Hamilton.—Reuter.

### GERMAN ASSASSINS.

#### AN ALLEGED CONFESSION.

Moscow, Feb. 22. The papers state that the three German students arrested on Feb. 16th are alleged to have confessed that they came to Moscow definitely intending to murder M. M. Stalin and Trotsky. They brought poison and revolver for the purpose.—Reuter.

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## BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES.

## POLICY IN EGYPT AND INDIA.

### SHIPPING AGREEMENTS.

London, Feb. 22. The Army Estimates are not yet ready for publication, but the Times gives a forecast indicating that decreases will be shown both in money and men.

SHIPPING OUTLOOK.

Commercial Facts.

London, Feb. 22. The President of the Board of Trade was one of the guests at a Chamber of Shipping dinner last night.

Referring to prospective legislation affecting shipping, he mentioned in particular two Bills. One of them, to which he attached great importance, would give the President of the Board of Trade power to make agreements with foreign Governments for recognition of each other's matters of that kind, where the conditions of different countries make practically the same standards of safety. That would work for the convenience of shipping all over the world, and he proposed to introduce a Bill at the earliest possible date.

The other Bill to which he referred was that which gives statutory effect to some of the provisions of the commercial treaty recently concluded with Germany. The treaty was generally recognised by everyone in this country—and he hoped in Germany—to be of much value.

It provided for what must always be the great aim of British foreign commercial policy—the most complete realisation of most-favoured-nation treatment. It provided in both countries for the fullest facilities for shipping companies to undertake emigration traffic for the purpose. It also provided that discrimination should be removed. Shipowners desired those provisions not in order to restrict the employment of British seamen, but in order to take advantage of all the facilities that the treaty gives them to keep more British ships at sea, and thus employ more British seamen.

### MUCH ADO.

#### THE "MISSING" MAJOR.

Paris, Feb. 22. The Chicago Tribune learns that Major Wood is at present staying with American friends at Biarritz.—Reuter.

An earlier telegram from Paris expressed concern at Major Wood's "disappearance". The son of Governor General Wood of the Philippines, the Major came into prominence last year through successful Wall Street speculations over the telegraph lines.

### THE BULGARIAN COMMUNISTS.

#### INTRODUCE TERRORISM.

Sofia, Feb. 22. Official investigations report that in connection with the recent outrages in Bulgaria, the existence of the Communist "Cheka" in Sofia, which has condemned persons to death, carrying out its sentences by means of terrorists.

The president of the "Cheka," also one Petkonepetoff (allegedly connected with the Agrarian Communists abroad) have been arrested; and have fully confessed.—Reuter.

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**EARLIER TELEGRAMS.**

**THE FRENCH POLICY IN THE PACIFIC.**

Paris, February 22.  
The French policy in the Pacific is being much discussed. M. Jacques Bardoux, in an article in *Le Temps*, frankly regrets the termination of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and urges Anglo-French co-operation in giving Japan such assurances as would deter her from committing herself too far in association with Russia, and there- after with Germany.

An ex-Minister, M. Albert Sarraut, delivered a speech urging Franco-British co-operation. He pointed out that France was able to assist in securing the safety of India, which was threatened by Bolshevik Russia, as it always was by Tsarist Russia. French support in Egypt could contribute to the protection of the route to India, which French Syria covers, and the French port, Djibouti, could help Aden to ensure Indo-China, and constitute a bastion for India, Saigon and Singapore, and the docks at Singapore would be idle without Tonkin coal and Annam iron. M. Sarraut declared that such help would be most valuable. M. Bardoux and M. Sarraut both insisted that Franco-British interests in Asia, as in Africa, were indissolubly linked.

It is declared that the main purpose is to detach Japan from the formidable coalition at which Russia is said to be aiming, and in which Germany is already involved.—Reuter.

**THE BARMAT AFFAIR.**

Berlin, February 21.  
It is announced that the Committee appointed by the Reichstag to enquire into the Barmat affair has decided to suspend examination of witnesses regarding relations between President Ebert and Barmat. A representative of the Centre Party is of the opinion there was nothing to show that the President has been in any way indiscreet.—Reuter.

**SHANGHAI TRADE.**

**WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.**

Shanghai, February 21.—The able.

N. C. D. News, in its weekly market report, says that the great feature in the local markets during the past week has been the rally, and only the scarcity of local broadening of the basis on which stocks seems to prevent a reasonably large business being transacted. The same broadening influence was evident in the export market. There were more enquiries generally large business being transacted.

Brigadier General Bruce, addressing the Central Asian Society last night, declared that China was a riddle which very few could read. There was nothing the Chinese could not do if they wished, but they were lacking so far as Western ideals were concerned. A serious problem in China to-day was the activity of Bolsheviks, who were seeking to close the door to every other nation in China. Progress must be made through Chinese mentality.—Reuter.

**BRITISH AND FRENCH CONVERSATIONS.**

London, February 21.  
Reuter learns that Mr. Chamberlain, en route to Geneva, will attend the Council of the League of Nations on March 9 and will probably meet M. Herriot in Paris. It is emphasised that in view of the important issues now before the Allies, a personal exchange of views at the present would be most welcome. Mr. Herriot is unable to come to London owing to his pre-occupation with the French financial situation.—Reuter.

**GERMANY'S ZEPPELIN WORKS.**

Washington, February 22.  
In the Senate, Mr. Copeland protesting against the intended destruction of Germany's Zeppelin works declared that such a stop would be a world calamity and gave notice of a resolution directing the State Department to bring the opposition of the United States government thereto to the attention of the Council of Ambassadors.—Reuter's American Service.

**COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY IN BULGARIA.**

Sofia, February 21.  
It stated that the police have discovered a widespread Communist conspiracy. Seven persons have been arrested. It transpires that a Bolshevik emissary recently toured Bulgaria, inspecting secret Communist organisations.—Reuter.

**BRITISH MANDATE OVER PALESTINE.**

Washington, February 21.  
The Senate has ratified the Treaty recognising the British mandate concerning Palestine and also guaranteeing equality of treatment for respective nationals in Palestine.—Reuter's American Service.

**A PARIS SENSATION.**

Paris, February 22.  
Major Osborn Wood, son of the Governor of the Philippines, has been missing since Monday and fears are entertained of his safety.—Reuter.

**H. M. THE KING'S HEALTH.**

London, February 21.  
An official bulletin says that H. M. the King's temperature has not yet settled. Progress continues, though slowly.—Reuter.

**EARLIER TELEGRAMS.**

**THE CHINESE RAILWAYS.**

**RAILWAYS.**

**DEPLORABLE RAILWAY CONDITIONS.**

Shanghai, February 20.—The deplorable conditions on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway continue.

No night trains are running, and there are no first or second class carriages available, the contents of many of the coaches having been damaged or stolen by the soldiers, who are still living and sleeping in the best carriages at various sidings. The passengers are thus travelling in the third-class carriages or in the vans and trucks.

The trains are subject to much delay and the connections are bad.

It will be some weeks at the best before conditions can be restored to normal.

The N. C. D. News, in the course of a leading article on the subject, concludes by saying that an Sir J. W. R. Macleay is proceeding from Peking to Shanghai next week, no doubt extraordinary efforts will be made to persuade him to travel by rail and to provide him with a through connection in order to throw dust in his eyes regarding the true state of the railway.

The N. C. D. News sincerely hopes that Sir J. W. R. Macleay and Lady Macleay will choose the sea route, so as not to lend themselves to this deception.—Daily Bulletin.

report suggesting an early settlement, however, has reached Osaka, and the result is that lower prices are now quoted there.—Daily Bulletin.

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**UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.**

**BILL INTRODUCED TO JAPANESE DIET.**

Tokyo, February 22.—The Government's long promised Universal Suffrage Bill was presented to the Diet to-day. It is a lengthy document and provides franchise for all males over twenty five years, excepting the heads of noble families, military and naval officers on active service, Government officials and others in charge of elections, imbeciles and bankrupts, as well as those who, because of their being unable to support themselves, receive public and private philanthropy, and those who have undergone more than a six year term of imprisonment. The Bill entitles all males over thirty years to the right of election to the Diet, except the heads of noble families, naval and military officers on active service and Government officials (excluding Ministers of State) and provides for the elections, thirty days after dissolution. The Bill would enfranchise ten million people. Extraordinary precautions are being taken against demonstrations by reactionaries who strongly oppose the extension of the suffrage.—Reuter.

**SEIZURE OF U. S. SHIP.**

**VESSEL AND CAPTAIN NOW RELEASED.**

Peking, February 21.—Wireless messages received at the American Legation say that the seizure of the steamer Chichien is the sequel to the sinking of a sampan in which the vessel was in some way concerned as the result of which a Chinese Major and two soldiers were drowned. It is presumed the Major and his escort attempted to board the steamer and was refused a passage in accordance with the policy of the American river boats declining to accept Chinese military passengers. The steamer was put under guard shortly after this incident, and passengers, including Americans, were prevented from transferring to other vessels. The Commander of the U.S. gunboat Eleonore was sent down river with a guard from Ichang on a merchant vessel to investigate the matter. Strong representations have been made to Tuchun Hsiao Yao-nan.

Ichang, February 21.—The American ship Chichien and the Captain have been released, arriving at Ichang to-day.—Reuter.

**CORREGIDOR TRAM DISASTER.**

**THE CASUALTIES.**

Manila, February 20.—As a result of the overturning of an electric tram in the military reservation on Corregidor Island it is now reported that the dead include Warrant Officer Carter, Staff Sergeant Davidson, and a Filipino private, and that Lieut. Hayden, several American enlisted men, Mrs. Herring, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Ellis were injured.

It is believed that some children and several of the injured may die.—Daily Bulletin.

**COTTON STRIKE AT SHANGHAI.**

**JAPAN SENDS NOTE TO CHINA.**

Peking, February 20.—The Japanese Legation sent a Note to the Chinese Foreign Office drawing attention to the cotton mill strike at Shanghai, and urging the Government to watch the strikers and to prevent a repetition of the recent incident in which several Japanese employees were injured.—Reuter.

**LINCHENG OUTRAGE.**

**CHINESE GOVERNMENT PAYING UP.**

Peking, February 21.—The Chinese Government has paid the Senior Minister three hundred thousand dollars in full settlement of Lists A and B, of the Lincheng demands, leaving only supplementary claims, some of which the Chinese think should be reduced.—Reuter.

**NEW TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT.**

**BUILDING AND AGRICULTURE.**

There is unusual interest in the formation of the New Territories Building and Agricultural Development Company to develop land at Sheung Shui, with an area of about 220,000 square feet. The land is on the Fanling-Castle Peak road and lends itself to the construction of bungalows. At present the company has 220,000 square feet, which it proposes to develop for building houses and laying out gardens. Either the sites will be sold or houses will be built upon terms which purchasers will be able to afford. Negotiations are also pending for the acquisition by the company of additional land for agricultural purposes, and in this respect the company announces in its prospectus that it will endeavour to provide the Colony with industries which at present are entirely moribund or, at best, very poorly developed. It is proposed to attempt the breeding of cattle and sheep, poultry farming, sericulture and the raising of vegetables and fruit, and also to undertake various cognate enterprises, such as the preserving and pickling of fruit and vegetables and curing of meat.

A Land Bank.

The prospectus states: The company has already acquired the services of a competent farmer and three assistants by whom the agricultural and stock breeding work above mentioned will be undertaken.

The company will also establish a land bank for the purpose of making loans for the encouragement of farming upon the security of farms or of the crops to be raised by those farming the company's land and by other farmers.

The promoters are satisfied by experiments which they have made, extending over the course of the last few years, that there is much land in the New Territories suitable for agricultural and stock breeding purposes and in view of the scarcity of locally produced meat, fruit and vegetables, they are confident that a large market, not only in Hongkong, but in surrounding places awaits the products of the company.

The unsettled condition of China is causing the very rapid development of the New Territories and land is constantly increasing in value. At the same time, prices of all the necessities of life are advancing for the same reason. The promoters accordingly feel that not only should the value of the company's capital assets increase but also that its various enterprises should offer scope for substantial profit, even if its prices are maintained at a reasonable level.

Interesting Scheme.

The scheme will recall the appeal for funds for an agricultural college for girl orphans, details of which were published in the S. C. M. Post a few days ago. This, if it materializes, will be in the same locality. As stated then, the services of an agricultural expert had been secured. He has already commenced work, and on land controlled by this new company a considerable number of utility plants and trees have been planted. It is hoped to establish an experimental farm and generally the project is a most interesting one.

The first directors of the Company are all well-known. They are Messrs. E. V. M. R. de Souza, Leung Yan-po, F. P. de Souza, Peter Leung Hing-keo and Wong Kwong-tin. The company is to have a capital of \$250,000 divided into 25,000 shares of \$10 each. Of these, the directors are allotting 2,200 shares to the vendors of the land, Messrs. de Souza, Soares and Leung Yan-po, of which number 500 will cover the purchase price of the land (\$5,000) and 1,700 the cost of development hitherto and promotion cost. This will leave 22,800 shares for public subscription.

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## HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1925. ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 25th February, 1925, at the Hon. Secretary's office, but intending exhibitors are requested to SEN IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN SENT TO PATRONS. LIFE MEMBERS AND ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are kindly requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co, Ltd.

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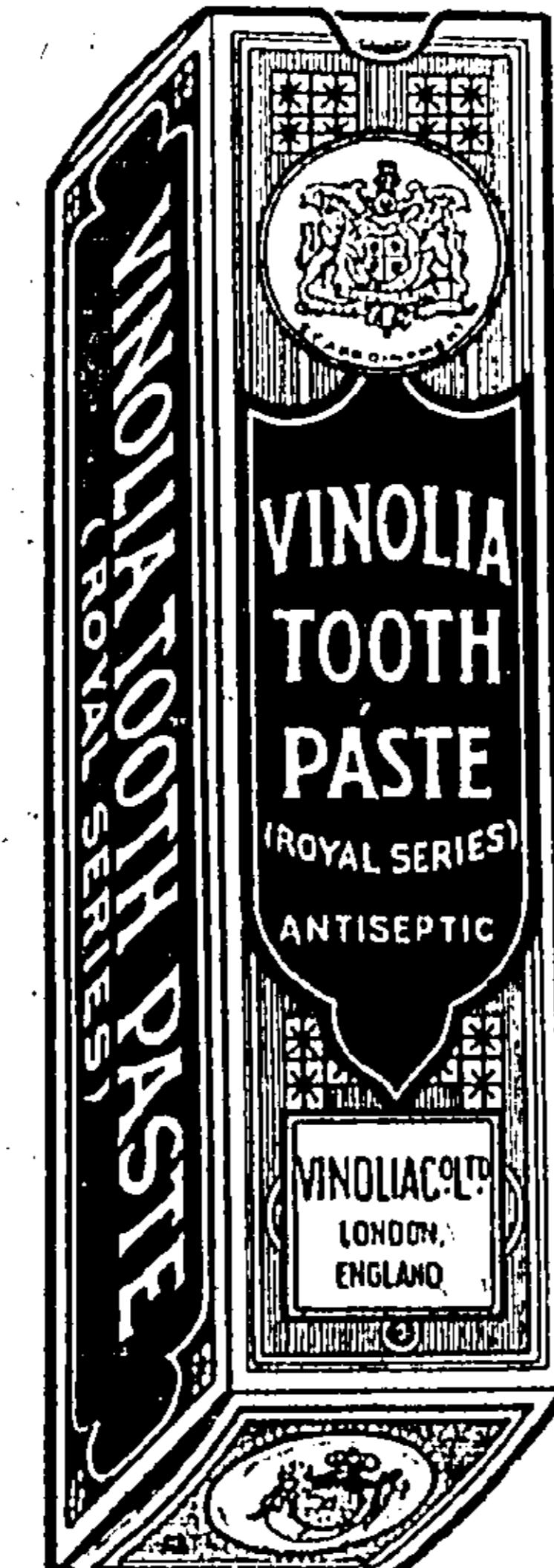
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Bank of Canton Building.  
19th February 1925.

## NOTICE.

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J. W. KEW,  
Secretary.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEE.

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(NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA)

## FROM EUROPE &amp; STRAITS.

The Steamship "MITO MARU" having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon whence delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 1st. Mar., 1925, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives on any Tuesdays & Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA  
Hongkong, 22nd. February 1925.

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Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd. March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 16th. March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1925.

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 26th February 1925 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December 1924, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday the 16th February 1925 until Thursday 26th February 1925, both days inclusive.

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**HOME FOOTBALL.****ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH CUP TIES.**

London, February 21.—Following are the results of the ties in the third rounds of the English and Scottish Cups and in the League played to-day:

**English Cup.**

Southampton 2 Bradford City 0  
Liverpool 2 Birmingham 1  
Notts. City 0 Cardiff C. 2  
W. Bromwich 1 Aston Villa 1  
Sheffield U. 1 Everton 0  
Tottenham 2 Blackburn 0  
Hull City 1 Leicester 1  
West Ham 1 Blackpool 1

**Scottish Cup.**

Kilmarnock 5 Dykehead 0  
St. Mirren 2 Partick 0  
Aberdeen 0 Motherwell 6  
Broxburn 2 Falkirk 2  
Hamilton 1 Raith 0  
Rangers 5 Arbroath 1  
Dundee 3 Airdrieonians 1  
Celtic 2 Solway Star 0

**English League—Div. 1.**

Bolton 5 Bury 0  
Huddersfield 1 Manchester C. 1  
Newcastle 2 Sunderland 0

**Division 2.**

Coventry C. 1 Wednesday 1  
Fulham 1 Wolves 0  
Portsmouth 0 Barnsley 0  
South Shields 0 Oldham 0  
Stockport 4 Chelsea 0  
Stoke 0 Clapton 1

**Division 3 (South.)**

Bournemouth 0 Swindon 0  
Bournemouth 1 Bristol C. 0  
Bristol R. 1 Plymouth 1  
Exeter 4 Newport 3  
Gillingham 2 Abordare 0  
Luton 0 Norwich C. 2  
Merthyr 0 Northampton 2  
Millwall 3 Brentford 0  
Queen's Park 0 Charlton 0  
Reading 3 Watford 0  
Swansea 4 Southend 0

**Division 3 (North.)**

Ashington 1 Crews 1  
Barrow 2 Wallsall 0  
Bradford 3 Rotherham 0  
Darlington 8 Chesterfield 0  
Doncaster 1 Wrexham 0  
Grimbsby 2 New Brighton 0  
Hartlepool 1 Halifax 0  
Nelson 1 Wigan 0  
Rochdale 0 Accrington 1  
Southport 1 Durham 0  
Trafford 0 Lincoln 0

**Scottish League.**

Third Lanark 2 Hearts 1  
Hibernian 4 Cowdenbeath 1  
Morton 4 Queen's Park. 0

**Puddfoot Transferred.**

Falkirk, who paid West Ham £15,000 for Puddfoot, have transferred him to Blackburn for £4,000.

**YACHTING.****PREPARATIONS FOR INTERPORT SERIES AT SHANGHAI.**

If the Hongkong yachtsmen knew what was being prepared for them up here they would not wait but would come up and receive the invitation on the spot, says the N. C. D. News. Not only will the Shanghai Yacht Club challenge them, but the Midget Yacht Club will send a challenge, and with racing on the Huangpu and also on the Henli reach they will get a regular glut of sport of the most exciting and interesting kind, with no end of variation. It is understood, unofficially, that it is proposed to have the races some time in June, if convenient to the visitors, and that would be the best time. Unless the weather be capricious, we should then be having the seasonal southwest monsoon, which blows steadily and with enough force to test a skipper's ability, though not sufficiently to make it uncomfortable sailing.

It appears to be accepted that Kobe will send a team as well.

**GOLF.****THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The second round of the Junior Championship was played at Fanling yesterday, with the following results:

J. S. Greenhill beat G. B. Layton by 8 up and 6 to play.

A. E. Lissaman beat J. W. Alabaster at the 20th hole.

H. G. Hegarty beat W. B. Cornaby, 6 and 4.

J. W. Franks walk over from A. C. I. Bowker.

A. D. Humphreys beat Lt-Col.

E. D. Matthews at the 10th hole.

Major Milner Jones beat Major Hyland, 4 and 3.

A. O. Brown beat A. Morrison, 5 and 4.

G. B. Hett beat F. N. Young, 7 and 5.

**THE WORLD THEATRE.****NOTABLE CAST IN "THREE WISE FOOLS."**

The cast which appears in "Three Wise Fools," King Vidor's first Goldwyn production, which is coming to the World Theatre on Wednesday next, is one of those remarkable casts which have come to be associated with Goldwyn pictures. The film was adapted from Austin Strong's successful comedy-drama by King Vidor, who also directed it.

Eleanor Boardman, who made such striking success as "Remember Stebbins" in Rupert Hughes' "Souls for Sale," is featured in the role of Sydney Fairchild, a young woman, who, upon the death of her mother, was left to the care of three crabbed old bachelors who had been unsuccessful suitors for the mother's hand. Miss Boardman lends vivacity and charm to the role, and acts with intelligence and fineness.

The "Three Wise Fools" of the title are played by Claude Gillingwater, William H. Crane and Alec Francis. Gillingwater is the actor who created the part of Findley in John Golden and Winchell Smith's successful stage production of three seasons ago, when it had an all-year run in Broadway. He brings to the screen characterisation the same homely and human comedy characteristics which made his stage characterisation so popular with the public. The role is just as good a one for Mr. Gillingwater's screen work as was his part of Pop Grout in "Remembrance."

William H. Crane, the Judge Trumbull in the film cast, is one of the veterans of the American stage. He recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his first theatrical appearance. He has been seen a few times in pictures, but this role in "The Three Wise Fools" is his first screen appearance in some time. The triumvirate is completed by Alec Francis in the role of Dr. Gaunt. Francis is an English actor who has appeared in many American stage and screen plays and always gives an excellent account of himself.

Others in the cast are John Sainpolis, who has many stage and screen characterisations of outstanding merit to his credit; Brinsley Shaw, a recruit from the stage, who has found a fruitful field for his talents on the silver sheet; Lucien Littlefield, a well-known screen character actor; Zasu Pitts, who is well-known in leading roles and has since played the part of Trina in "Greed," Eric Von Stroheim's picturisation of Frank Norris' "McTeague." In the flash-back sequence showing "The Three Wise Fools" as youths, Craig Biddle, Jr. plays Findley; Creighton Hale, Trumbull, and Raymond Hatton, Dr. Gaunt, Martha Mattox, Fred J. Butler, Charles Hickman, Fred Esmeralda, and William Haines are also in the cast.

The decorations and the arrangements, which prevailed for the officers, At Home on the previous evening, remained for the ship's company dance and were much appreciated by the guests, who thoroughly enjoyed their novel experience.

Fancy dress was optional, but a large number took the opportunity of wearing gaily dress, with the result that the quarterdeck presented a scene of riotous colour. Prizes were awarded for the best costume, and there were also lucky spot gifts.

The Marine band of H. M. S. Hawkins provided the dance music and was repeatedly encored for the excellence of their playing, until at midnight a closure was called and the guests departed.

The entire arrangements were expertly carried out by a representative committee, under the able secretaryship of Mr. J. Tilbe.

H. M. S. Hawkins will leave for Singapore on Tuesday.

**UNHAPPY MERCHANTS.**

For the purpose of raising funds to meet the expenses incurred by the campaign in the East River, district members of the Chamber of Commerce and other public bodies were invited by the Financial Commissioner to a tea party at the Provincial Treasury on Thursday afternoon, says the Canton Gazette.

The invitation from the Financial Commissioner, after relating the difficulties on the port both by the Government and the merchants in recent years, during which heavy military expenditure had to be borne in this province, invited the merchants to bring the present successful campaign to its final goal by assisting in raising the necessary funds.

The Commissioner pointed out that hesitation on the part of the merchants would mean longer suffering for themselves and the public. It was left to the merchants to propose means for meeting the financial need.

**BOXER INDEMNITY.****THE GOLD FRANC CONTROVERSY**

Peking, February 25.—Discussion on the gold franc controversy are proceeding with an earnest desire on both sides to reach a settlement. The outcome appears hopeful.—*Reuter.*

**QUEEN'S THEATRE.****"SCARAMOUCHE."**

"Scaramouche," Rex Ingram's long-awaited Metro production from the famous Sabatin novel, opened a week's engagement at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, and held audiences of Ramon Novarro, Alice Terry and Lewis Stone.

Rafael Sabatin's novel is too well known to require more than the briefest resume. Andre-Louis Moreau, played spiritedly by handsome, dashing Novarro, denounces nobility and devotes his life to the cause of the people, after his boyhood sweetheart, Aline, beautifully played by Alice Terry, accepts the attentions of the Marquise de la Tour d'Azy, who killed Moreau's friend. Lewis Stone gives the finest performance of his career as the Marquis. Andre-Louis wins popularity with a traveling troupe of actors as Scaramouche, the clown. Engaged to Clémene, the leading lady, he breaks with her when he learns La Tour is her lover. He denounces nobility and the Marquises from the stage one day, when La Tour occupies a box. Obliged to flee from persecution, Andre-Louis becomes a fencing master in Paris, and as his rapier speaks as eloquently as his tongue the patriot Danton makes him a deputy of the Assembly. The new deputy gives the aristocrats their own "medicine," and kills them off in duels, until he crosses swords with the expert La Tour. He wounds La Tour, but another misunderstanding again estranges him from Aline.

Then the storm of the revolution breaks, and when Aline falls a prey to the mob-lust of the maddened rabble, Andre-Louis saves her, in one of the most gripping scenes in any motion picture. The Marquis, revealed as Andre-Louis' closest blood relation, falls fighting before the mob, while Andre-Louis, Aline and his mother escape from the terror-stricken city.

**LOWER DECK DANCE.****FLAGSHIP'S CREW MAKE MERRY.**

A unique affair for Hongkong was the dance held by the men of H. M. S. Hawkins on board that ship on Friday evening.

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HONGKONG, 23rd Feb., 1925.

**CHINA TO-DAY.**

The chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank delivered a very long and interesting speech on Saturday, in keeping with the tradition which has made this annual utterance one of the best surveys of Far Eastern conditions that it is possible to have. For the purpose of this comment we shall take only the portion of the statement relating to the condition of China, with its reflection on the trade of the country. Mr. Pattenden, it might be noted, shares the opinion of many observers that the recent events in the North mean an end to the Republican administration—such as it was—of the past thirteen years. As he points out, it is impossible to forecast the next development, nor is it likely that much store can be placed by the announcements of policy contained in the inaugural speeches of successive governments of the protective Ordinance is to be referred to committee of the Council, we trust that most serious consideration will be given to all aspects of the problem and that no hasty decision be reached. There is still a good deal of time in which to consult all the interests affected. Various suggestions have served to illustrate the extremely complicated character of the problem. We want to see a fair deal for everybody, if that is possible. That some form of protection is still needed there can be little doubt, but whether this can be secured by modification of an already complex statute it is hard to say. Maybe the best eventual solution of the problem will be by a process of gradual decontrol. Whatever the best course to pursue, the issue is one of high importance, and its decision will have a material effect on the general cost of living.

**The Rent Question,**  
Public interest will this week be centred in the rent question, for the matter is to come before the Legislative Council on Thursday, although there is no likelihood of the issue being definitely decided. If, as is suggested, the question of the continuance of the protective Ordinance is to be referred to committee of the Council, we trust that most serious consideration will be given to all aspects of the problem and that no hasty decision be reached. There is still a good deal of time in which to consult all the interests affected. Various suggestions have served to illustrate the extremely complicated character of the problem. We want to see a fair deal for everybody, if that is possible. That some form of protection is still needed there can be little doubt, but whether this can be secured by modification of an already complex statute it is hard to say. Maybe the best eventual solution of the problem will be by a process of gradual decontrol. Whatever the best course to pursue, the issue is one of high importance, and its decision will have a material effect on the general cost of living.

of the country, but the very hopes of obtaining further credit for future schemes will be dashed. The Chinese administration is doing itself possibly irretrievable harm in its failure to tackle this feature of malpractice by its underlings. The interference with the railways, where foreign investments are also closely concerned, is another blot on the present tally sheet. It is to be feared that the avoidance of intervention by the Powers concerned has already gone too far. Then, what does the future hold out for China? Are we to see a change for the better, or a struggle for another decade without any advancement; or a further retrogression towards paramount chaos? Nobody has attempted to offer a conclusive prediction, and it may be, as one authority has declared, that China is a riddle which very few can read. The most one can do is to hope for a change to better conditions, though the quality of hope is by now considerably strained.

**China's Railways.**

The reference at Saturday's meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to the misuses of railways in China finds apt confirmation, if any were needed, in the present deplorable conditions on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. Here, according to a message from Shanghai, much of the rolling stock has been damaged, whilst troops are living and sleeping in the best carriages at sidings, leaving only third-class coaches and vans for the use of passengers. That is bad enough, but the railway is still in operation, which is more than can be said of the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon line, which has for long been in the hands of militarists, who have played havoc with the equipment and caused much damage to the permanent way, the stations and some of the bridges. Such are the consequences of civil war, which has held China in its grip for so many years. The loss in railway revenues, to say nothing of the other hardships which those interruptions in communication involve, must be immense. Yet the insatiable folly continues, and there seems small prospect of a change for the better.

**A YOUNGSTER CAUGHT.**

Charged by Mr. Arnold with causing an obstruction to traffic at Pokfulum Road on the 21st inst., one of a team of ten boys engrossed in a game of football until the arrival of the complainant put an abrupt stop to it, was fined \$2, with a caution, by Mr. S. D. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy this morning.

In evidence, the complainant said he was proceeding towards Hongkong from Pokfulum and near the Pumping Station came upon a group of boys playing football on the roadway. With the help of a friend, he succeeded in securing one of the players, but had to take him to the Police Station himself as there were no policemen about.

**STREET FOOTBALL.**

**AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE.**

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At last week's hearing of the case, an application was made for withdrawal of the charge, since the money named had been refunded by the defendant's friends and relatives. Mr. Wood made it clear, however, at this morning's proceedings, that he could not allow the case to be withdrawn.

Lloyd was remanded until Monday next, when the evidence will be heard.

**DAY BY DAY.**

WHOM WE FEAR MORE THAN  
LOVE, WE ARE NOT FAR FROM  
HATING.—Mrs. Jameson.

The health return for the past two days shows one Chinese case of diphtheria.

The silk which left here by the P. and O. s.s. Kalyan on the 24th January was delivered in Macclesfield on the 21st February, a transit of 28 days.

The Girl Guides and Brownies of Hongkong and Kowloon are to give a display of work at the Holme May Institute on Saturday, March 7th, at 3 p.m.

A returned banished was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Defendant was deported four years ago.

A Chinaman taken from the water near the Star Ferry wharf by a constable yesterday and removed to the Government Civil Hospital is thought to have been condemned to death. At one side of the Shok-lu-pui works is the tracing for the tunnel which is to tap the Shing-mun Valley supplies, and eventually carry that water reserve across the harbour to Hongkong.

The work is in the hands of the Public Works Department, the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, and Messrs. Armstrong Witworth. Yesterday saw some interesting demolition operations at Shok-lu-pui on the old village, which will be inundated when the dams are completed. The inhabitants have been given new homes in the nearby Shatin neighbourhood.

**VOLUNTEERS ASSIST DEMOLITIONS.**

The scheme described. Progress with the Shok-lu-pui waterworks scheme continues apace, and shortly the conservation of water over several hundred acres will be completed. It will be recalled that we made reference to this undertaking the other day, when we described the pending demolition of Shok-lu-pui village.

This scheme may be termed an offshoot of the Shing-mun Valley work, and it is designed entirely for the Kowloon water supply. Shok-lu-pui lies in the hills about midway between the sea towards Laichikok and the existing Taipo reservoir, and the new reservoir is to augment the former when required. It is higher in the hills, and the water will flow readily to the Taipo level such time as the augmentation might be deemed necessary. At one side of the Shok-lu-pui works is the

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**VOLUNTEERS AT WORK.**

The following brief account of yesterday's operations is written by one who took part in them:

A party of the Engineer Company, H.V.D.C., about thirty strong, under the Co. officers and Sergt. Major, landed by launch at Laichikok, in the forenoon, and marched up to the elevated village of Shok-lu-pui, about two miles away. It was a fine morning, and the climb through the hills, by shady pathways and beside rocky streams, then across the Taipo reservoir, was on the whole quite enjoyable, even if it appeared strenuous to a few who had "descended to man" at the summit. After a short rest, the men were allotted their tasks, under the supervision of a captain Feary, R.E. Among the officers present were the H.V.D.C. Commandant, Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, and Col. Russell Brown, R.E. There were also two or three civilians, and a large number of interested Chinese coolies, to whom the "big bangs" must have been quite a treat.

An advance party had done much of the preliminary spade-work on Saturday afternoon, but the tasks yesterday comprised the important ones of fixing the explosives in position and connecting up the wires to the electrical exploder, or else fixing fuses in such instances as were to be detonated that way.

The work was by nature of experiment as well as instruction, and fully achieved its purpose. In most cases the roofs had been removed by the departing inhabitants of the village, so that very little atmospheric pressure could be expected. Thus, instead of flattening the walls of the houses, the volunteers had to blow away the corners. It was decided to fire off groups of explosive in portions of the village, as tests, and thus gain valuable data. Only some 200 pounds of gunpowder was used for the entire scheme.

**EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.**

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**SHOWERS OF STONES.**

The major test was at the top end of the village, where two roofless houses had to be blown in (or out). Here the slabs of gunpowder were fixed in "boxes" in the corners, and secured with sandbags and loose bricks. The charges were fired this time by electric exploder, and the result

was a complete success for the calculations of those in charge. The walls were blown to pieces, and provided an illustration of

**SHEK-LI-PUI WATERWORKS.****NEW STEAMER.****THE "HONG PENG" IN PORT.**

The s.s. Hong Peng which was formerly known as Bloemfontein, a well known ship on the Europe-Java run and newly acquired by the Ho Hong S. S. Co., Ltd., Singapore, arrived in port on Saturday. The ship was built in Dumbarton, and has a registered tonnage of about 4,700 tons. She has been refitted by the present owners and has excellent accommodations for seventy-six first-class and 24 second-class passengers. She can also carry about one thousand passengers in the steerage.

The Ho Hong S. S. Co., Ltd., is a Chinese concern registered in Singapore. The Company has been operating steamers for many years. It now owns a fleet of twelve ships, three of which are engaged in the Straits-Amoy run, the other two ships engaged in the run being the Glenaloch and the Hong Uwa, which was recently pirated. The Ho Hong S. S. Co., Ltd., is an associated Company of the Ho Hong Oil Mills, the Ho Hong Cement Works, Ltd., the Ho Hong Rice Mills and the Ho Hong Bank, Ltd., which has a branch in Hongkong.

A reception was held on board the ship on Saturday afternoon at which many local business men attended. The ship sailed for Amoy yesterday morning and carried nearly one thousand passengers.

**SERIOUS CHARGE.****GUNNER ON TRIAL.**

Mistaken identity was the doctrine indicated by the cross-examination of the prosecution witness when the case was commenced, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, in which Gunner James Clement, of the R.G.A., is charged with a serious offence against a Chinese girl of eleven years.

Mr. T. M. Hazlrigg prosecuted for the Crown, and Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ) defended.

After outlining the circumstances of the case, Mr. Hazlrigg called the girl, her brother, a rickshaw coolie, and the girl's mother.

The girl, cross-examined as to the identification parade when she picked out another man, declared that they were all in uniform and appeared very much the same. She said that she was sure now that the man in the dock was the right one and declined to admit that she was influenced by the fact that he was in the dock.

The case, which is being heard before the Chief Justice, is proceeding.

**RECKLESS DRIVING.****SANITARY VAN DRIVER CHARGED.**

The driver of the Sanitary Department's motor van appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of reckless and dangerous driving on the Kowloon City Road on Saturday.

It was stated that after passing three buses, the defendant lost control of his own vehicle, with the result that it crashed into a verandah pillar, injuring two Sanitary employees, one of whom was a passenger on the van. As the result of the accident one of the men is in the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from internal injuries.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, but was remanded until Thursday pending the recovery of the injured man.

how this type of structure has to be tackled.

Four further charges were fired in other parts of the village. In one case parts of a roof remained, and this resulted in the walls being flattened and a shower of tiles coming down.

In two other cases the concussion was great enough to send a big shower of stones high into the air, and the men suddenly found themselves being pelted at a distance of quite a hundred yards—but it all added to the interest of the work.

Lunch and refreshments were well earned, and much appreciated. The party were back in town about tea-time, healthy tired, and prepared to vote it the end of a perfect day.

**HEAVY SENTENCES.****AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS.**

Two of a gang of men who terrorised the inmates of a brothel at Yaumati were charged at the Criminal Sessions, before the Pulano Judge, this morning, with robbery by violence.

Mr. H. K. Holmes prosecuted and stated that the gang stayed at the house for the night and next morning locked all the inmates in a cubicle, used violence towards two of them, and took away jewellery. One of the prisoners was recognised by one of the girls, who was walking in the street.

Prisoners pleaded guilty and, passing sentence of seven years hard labour, his Lordship said he would have ordered the "cut" but for the fact that they endeavoured to assist the police in the apprehension of the other men who were concerned.

**ARMS CASES.**

Two Chinese who pleaded guilty to having in their possession a loaded revolver and a revolver and three rounds of ammunition respectively, were each sentenced to seven years' hard labour, at the Criminal Sessions to-day.

**SHOT BY PURSUING CONSTABLE.**

A man who struggled to evade a search and was shot in the thigh when running away was charged at the Criminal Sessions, this morning, with the unlawful possession of a dagger. It was stated that he was soon to draw something and subsequently a dagger sheath was found in his pocket.

Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz inflicted a penalty of three years' hard labour.

**THEFT OF SEWING MACHINES.**

Li Lam was charged at the Criminal Sessions this morning with stealing seven sewing machines from the Wing On Factory at Causeway Bay on January 16th.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, who said the machines were valued at \$160 (gold), prosecuted and mentioned that the case was simplified by the statement of the prisoner, who admitted that he was there and admitted receiving the machines, but denied the actual stealing.

The case is proceeding.

**NEW INDIAN BATTALION.****ARRIVAL OF 5th. PUNJABIS.**

They arrived on the tripship Terbyshire, yesterday, the 5th Punjab Regiment, from Rawalpindi, who are to take the place of the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.) who are proceeding to Cannanore. The new battalion disembarked at Kowloon this morning, presenting a very smart appearance.

The 5th battalion of the 2nd Punjab Regiment was recently the 87th Punjabis. It has an interesting history, having been raised at Trichinopoly in 1793, by Major A. Lindsay, as the 1st extra battalion of Madras Native Infantry. It became the 1st Bn. of the 14th Regiment of Madras Native Infantry the same year, and continued as such for some years. In 1824 the designation was changed to the 25th Regiment of Madras Native Infantry; in 1855 it became the 27th Regiment of Madras Infantry; in 1901 it became the 27th Madras Infantry; and in 1903 was renamed the 87th Punjabis. The present designation dates from 1922. The Punjab Regiment has a distinguished record of service, the battle honours comprising Sholengur, Carnatic, Mysoore, Mysore, Malibipoor, Ava, China, Fug, Lucknow, and Burma 1885-87.

The British officers at present attached or with the fifth battalion, as given in the latest Army List, are: Lt. Col. C. Mc G. Withers (in command), Major V. Coates, F. L. Goro, C.I.E., O.B.E.; P. T. L. Thompson, and C. I. M. Smith; Captains M. Middleton, J. M. Hunt, R. A. Slater, M.C., C. H. D. O'Callaghan, T. C. T. Ricketts, F. G. Bovis, F. M. D. Pavill, O.B.E., R. M. Lant, and M. G. O'Leary, M.B.E.; and Lieutenants H. J. Haworth, G. M. S. Webb and C. V. King.

The Commandant obtained his first commission on January 20th, 1897, and attained his present rank of Lieutenant Colonel on February 1st, 1921.

**SHIPPING NEWS.****LOCAL WATERFRONT ITEMS.**

There was quite a lull in the monsoon during Saturday and Sunday, but to-day the gale is blowing again outside with renewed vigour, a strong gale having been reported by several vessels who have arrived to-day.

The H.M.H. Nemazoo steamer Armanstan, Captain C. Mercer, arrived from Singapore on Saturday and had rough weather during the greater part of her trip.

The coaster Forder, Captain E. Dahl, arrived on Saturday from Saigon after a rather prolonged voyage and had very bad weather.

The Jardine Matheson steamer Barrymore, Captain H. W. Chandler, which arrived yesterday from Singapore, had mostly strong N. E. monsoon. She went alongside the Kowloon wharves.

The coaster Gittoro, Captain E. Tveit, is now at the Kowloon Docks for her survey and reclassification.

The coaster Livingstone, Captain R. Andra, left to-day for Bangkok where she has obtained a time charter in the Bangkok to Hongkong and Swatow trade.

Another coaster the Prominent, Captain A. Jenson, arrived this morning from Saigon and reports that there is now a full gale blowing outside, dirty and rainy weather and tremendously high seas.

On her way up from Saigon with a cargo of rice and paddy, the steamer Changchow ran into the north-east monsoon, meeting with such heavy seas that a small portion of the cargo was washed overboard. She arrived in port yesterday after spending nine days on a trip that in normal weather conditions should not occupy more than five days.

When the Kwong Ying, Captain R. Williams, had completed her extensive repairs at the Kwong Fook Hing's small shipyard at Yaumati, her Company's steamer the Kwong Hung immediately took her place in order to have considerable repairs carried out to her engines.

The Cheun Chow, Captain H. Jones, is now finished with her annual repairing and overhaul at the Kowloon Fook Choong shipyard, and resumed her old run to Macao to-day.

The Fook On, Captain R. Campbell, is still repairing her engines at Sam Shui Po.

**GAMBLING SCHOOL.****A DOZEN CHINESE CHARIED.**

A raid conducted on a brothel at No. 528, Queen's Road West, resulted in a charge being brought against one woman and eleven men, at the Central Magistracy this morning, of participation in a gambling school.

In regard to two of the male defendants who were arrested at the Police Station where they came to claim their coats after the raid, Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for all the defendants, submitted they were not participating in the game but were in another room when the raid was carried out. He questioned the wisdom of charging those two men without evidence in support, and said that in the event of the case against them falling through, as he anticipated it would, the police might lay themselves open to action on "certain lines" which he might

Mr. J. R. Wood said that he would take the evidence first, before giving his decision in the case of the two men referred to.

The defendants were remanded on bail of \$20 each, except in the case of the woman, who, being the licensee of the house, was held on bail of \$500.

**TO MARINERS.**

A Customs notification states that a rocky patch has been located in latitude 30 degrees 48' 30" inches N., longitude 122 degrees 10' 20" inches E. (Marine Department Chart No. 1). From the centre of the patch, Guttaif Lighthouse bears N. 24 degrees E., magnetic, distant 2 cables. Soundings on the patch ranged from 6 feet to 31 feet reduced to low water of extraordinary spring tides.

**WEST RIVER NEWS.****MILITARY OPERATIONS CONTINUE.**

A Wuchow correspondent, writing under date of the 20th, inst., says:

It was reported here yesterday that General Shen Hung-ying's army has for the last week had a series of heavy attacks delivered on it by the forces of Generals Chong Yan-pai and Wong Shiu-hung. This campaign was inaugurated in order to occupy Kwelin from the Foo River.

General Shen Hung-ying's forces had to give way at first, but after he had been reinforced by some of Tang Chi-yao's Yun-nanese, he counter-attacked and regained the lost territory, taking several hundred prisoners and also some ammunition and other military equipment.

The spell of very low water which we experienced here for a while is now over, at least for the time being, as the water has risen considerably. There is now about 9 ft. 3 in. at the Second Bar (2 ft. 2 in. above zero at Wuchow).

The tide gauge at Do Sing shows 2 ft. 0 in. above zero, while the one at Sam Shui shows 11 in. below zero, which means 10 ft. 1 in. on the bar at the entrance to the harbour.

The military transports of troops, previously mentioned as being moved continually from General Li Chai-cham's headquarters at Shiu Hing towards this port, have now ceased, at least temporarily, and it is presumed that Gen. Li now needs the remainder for the garrisoning of Shiu Hing. It is said that the movements of troops from Pakkai and Kong Moon towards Canton have also stopped for the time being.

Writing under the same date, a Sam Shui correspondent states: Heavy gun fire was heard in the Shek Ki district last Wednesday morning. This is the locality situated south of a line drawn between Wang Mun and Sallam.

The military authorities at Shek Ki are using their searchlights every night extensively, which sometimes are blinding the navigators on the river boats.

The Government launch which sank off Kumchuk on the 13th was raised to-day by means of small junks and the usual cross-beam, purchase and capstan method, and then towed away suspended from the cross-beams in order to be docked, or beached elsewhere.

**SHOOTING COMPETITION.****STONECUTTERS FUNCTION.**

Members of the Royal Marines Old Comrades Association spent an enjoyable afternoon at Stonecutters' yesterday, when they shot under Bisley conditions, for a cup presented by their local president, Lt. Colonel Cantrell, R.M.

Mr. Grimmett was first, with a score of 68, and he was presented with the cup by Capt. Sturgess, R.M., at the conclusion of the match, when the competitors were entertained to tea. Speeches were made setting out the many advantages of the Association to ex-Marines out here, and the hope was expressed that more men would join.

**TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.**

It is quite time the idea were broken down that China is everlasting to be bound by arrangements made under conditions quite different from those existing at the present time, especially when those arrangements are highly obnoxious to the Chinese themselves and are such as up to the present, with several years record behind them, have not done a single thing to benefit the country. Amongst such arrangements, declares the *Han Eastern Times*, is the cast iron anachronism known as the Consortium. In course of time the Consortium must disintegrate from the effects of the wind and weather of international politics and finance, but China cannot afford to wait indefinitely for that highly desirable consummation. An attempt should be made to break it down at once, by enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of financial and industrial interests that are independent of it.

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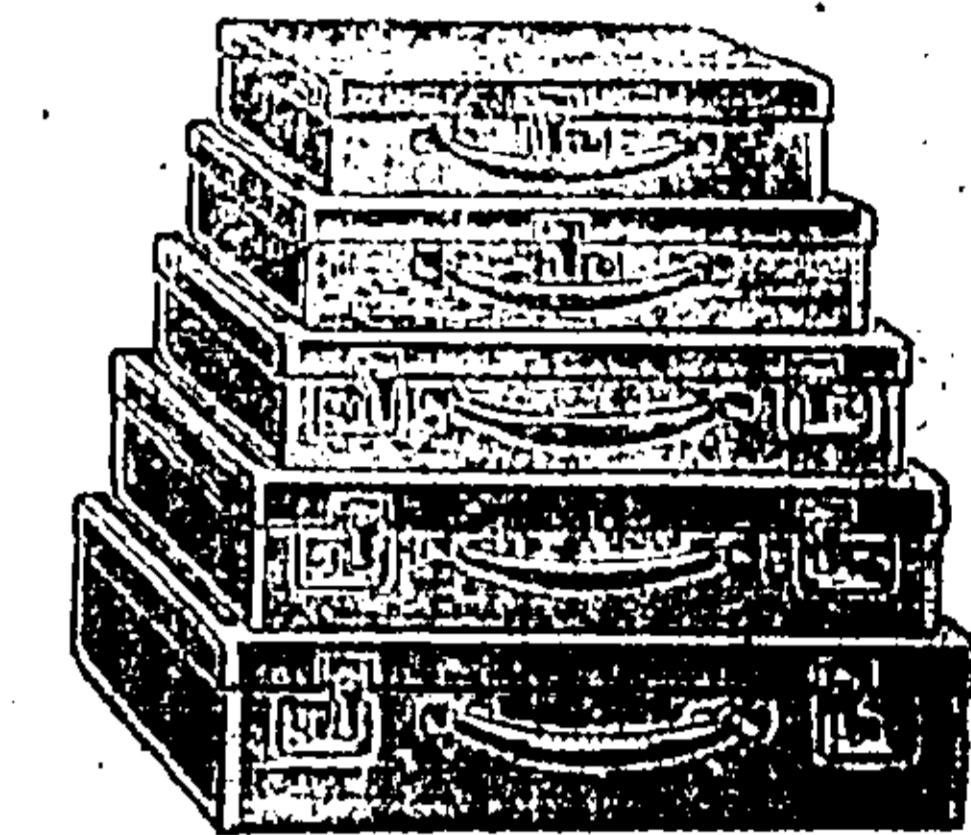
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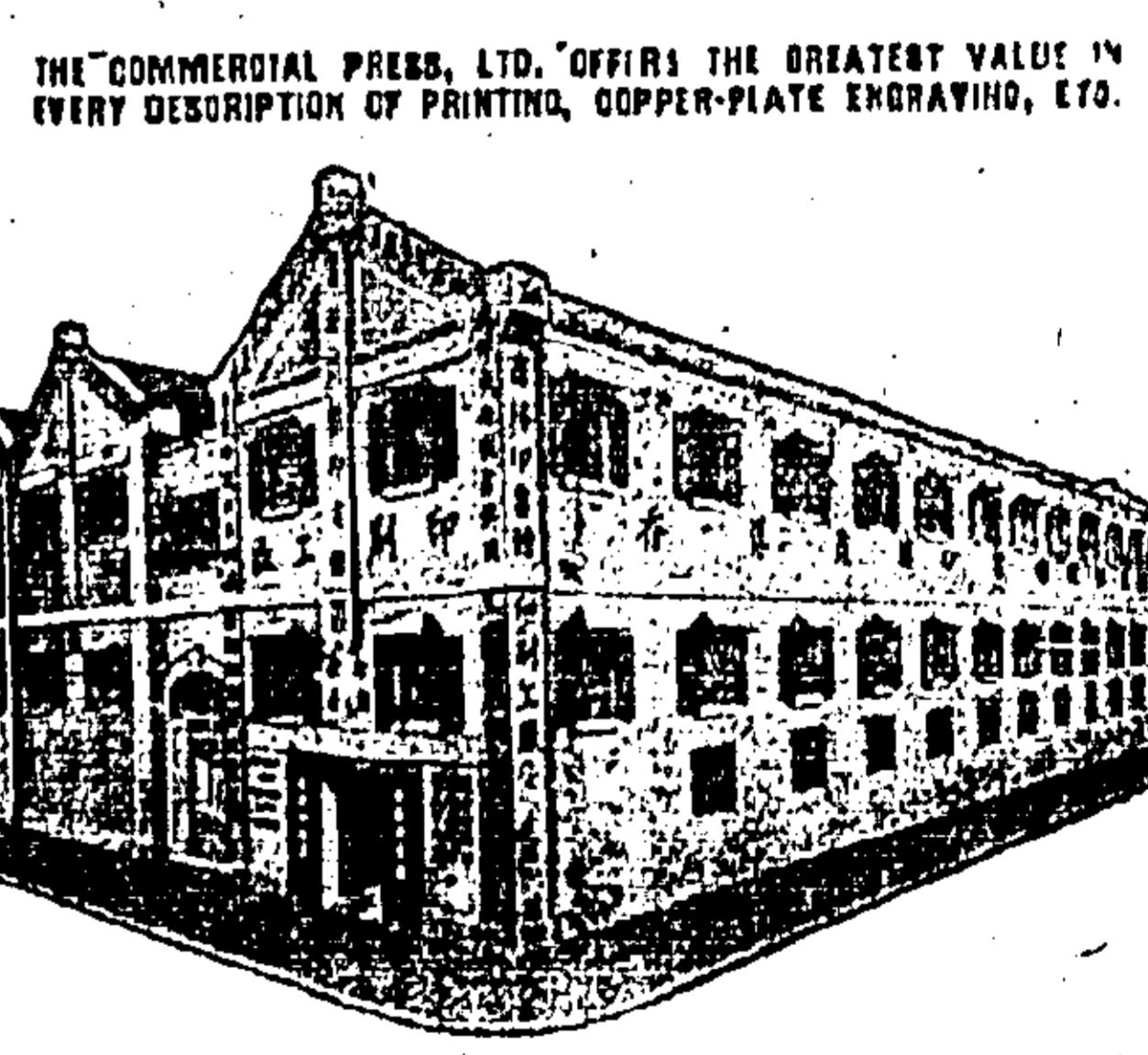
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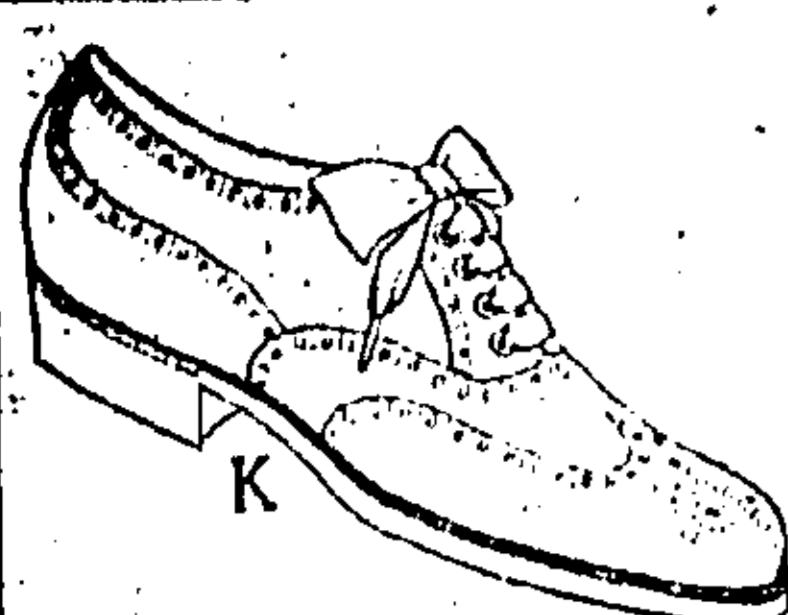
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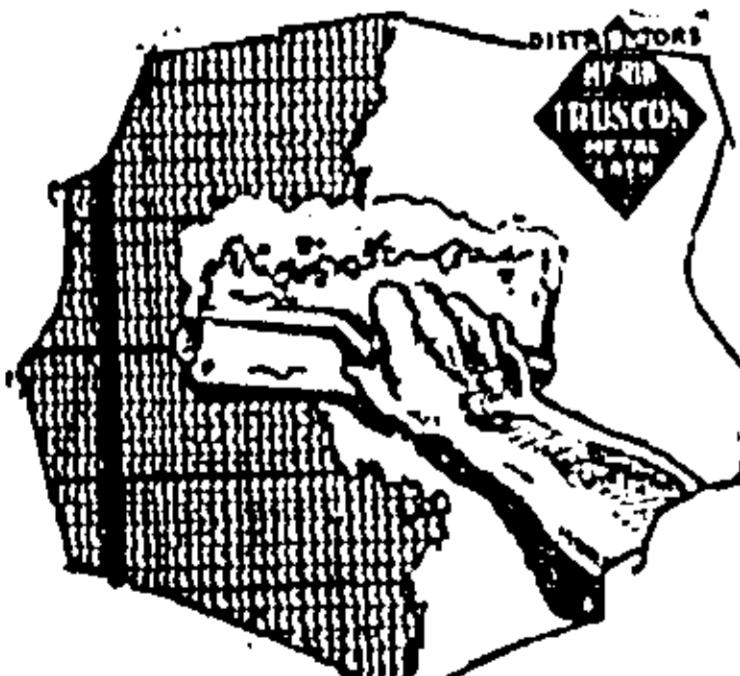
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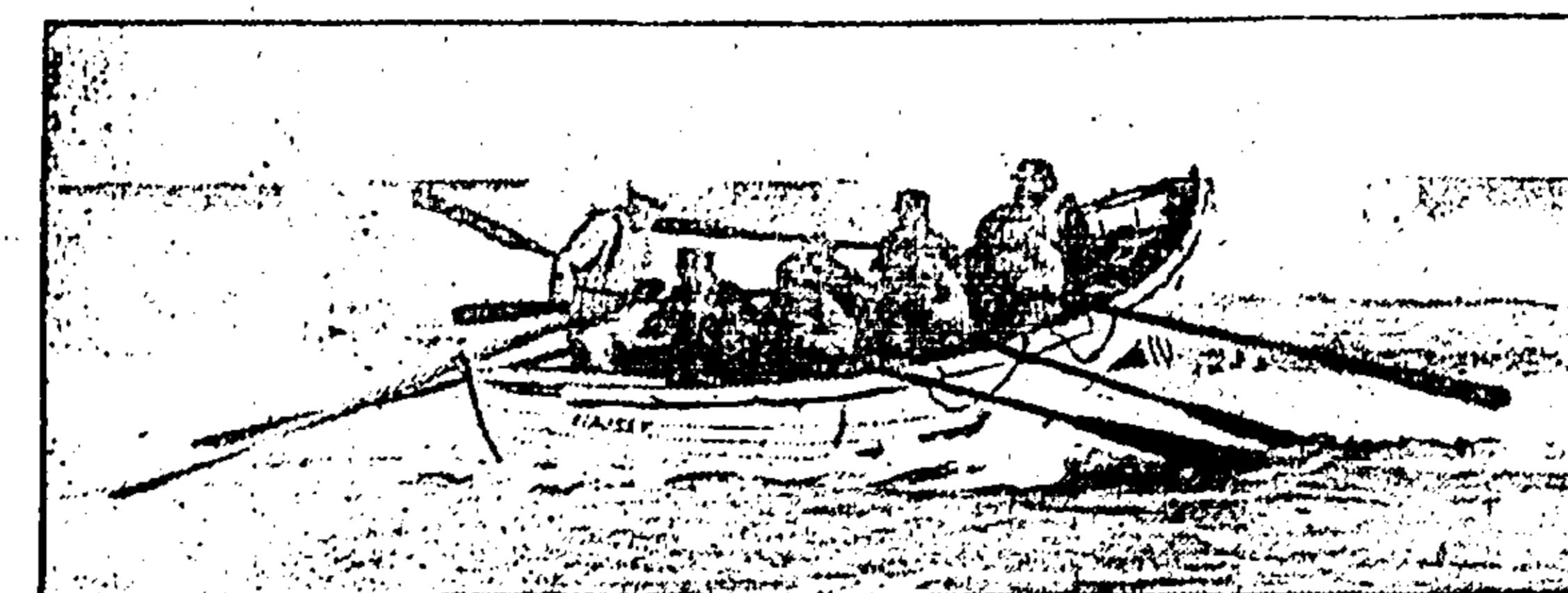
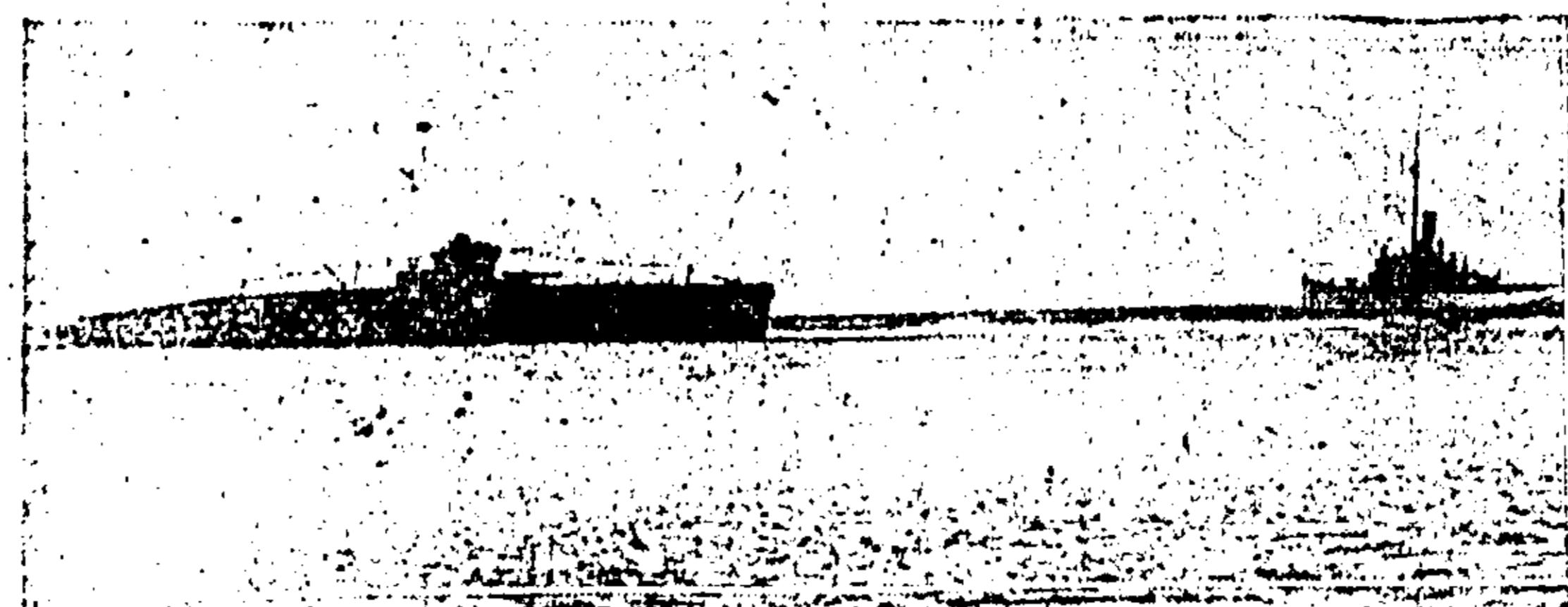
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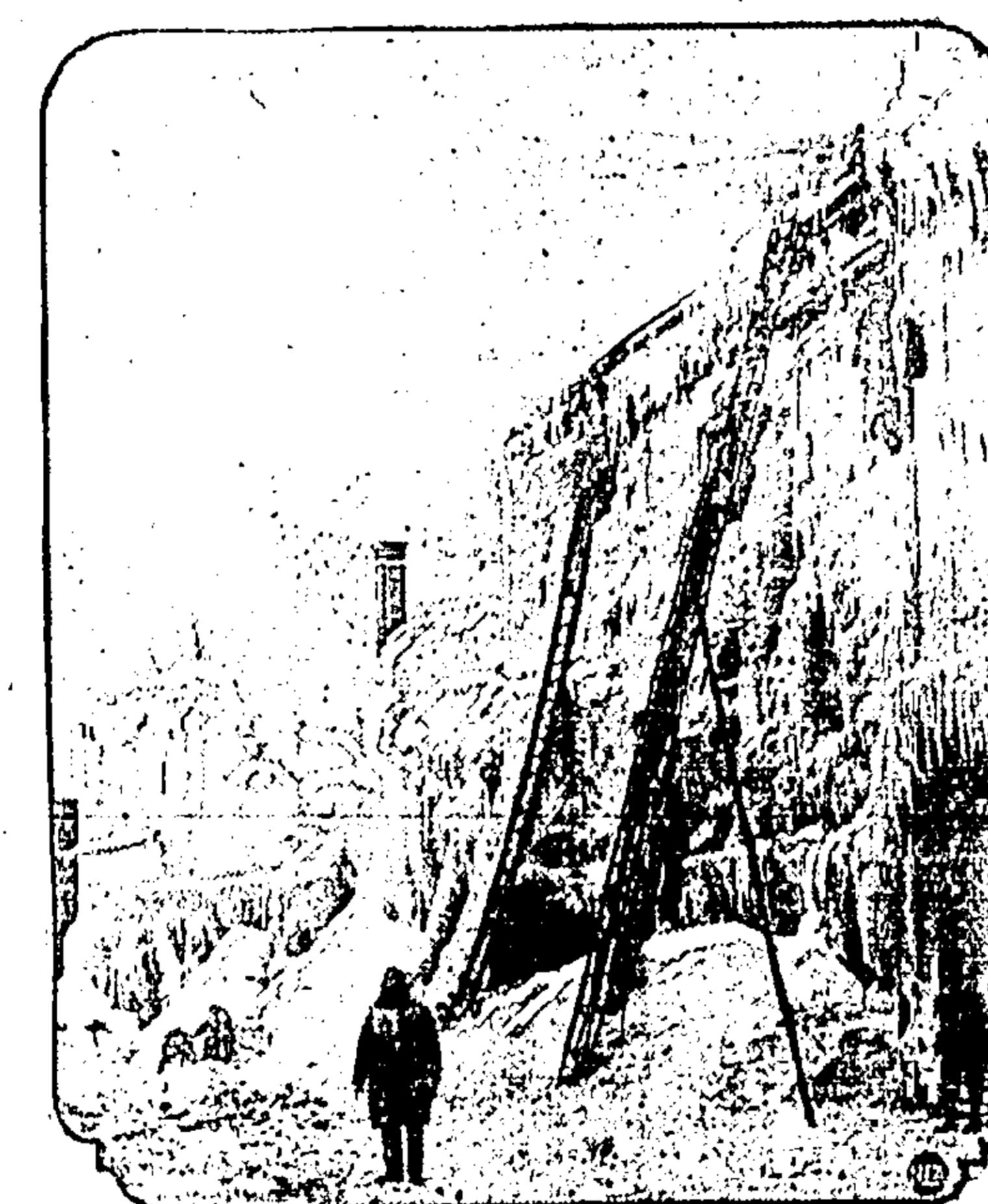
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**CAMERA NEWS**

STRANDED SUBMARINE.—In the upper photo is shown the U.S. Submarine S-19 in the grip of the Cape Cod sands near Oceans, where she went aground. In the background is one of the two naval tugs which came to her aid. In the photo below is shown Captain Walker of the Coast Guard and his sicked crew making one of their many attempts to reach the submarine and take off her crew of 40.



NURMI'S WIN.—Paavo Nurmi, the great Finn runner, defeated Jole Ray, the American star, and Willi Ritola, the Finnish flier, making two new world's records in so doing. The races were held in Madison Square Garden, New York, before a record crowd. Photo shows Ritola (right) congratulating Nurmi. Inset:—Jole Ray.



A HARD TASK.—The firemen of St. Hyacinthe, Canada, had a terrible task to stop the fire pictured above. Five of them were injured, and many people were driven from their homes. Temperature was below zero, and the water froze almost as soon as it left the nozzles of the hose.



NEW CHANCELLOR.—Dr. Hans Luther, finance minister in the old Marx Cabinet is the new chancellor.



WOMEN WORKERS.—Women who did the work of bricklayers, hodcarriers, ditch diggers and such labourers in Budapest during the war are still holding their jobs due to economic conditions and loss of man-power in Hungary, as this recent picture shows.



U.S. "OBSERVER."—Colonel James A. Logan, U.S. observer for the Reparation Commission, who attended the Finance ministers' conference in Paris.



"SOME" JUMP.—We wonder if this ski-jumper up in the air at Murten, Switzerland, is going to land right-side up.



LADY BOOKIE.—Mrs. H. Vernet, the only licensed bookmaker in England, who has arrived in America for a vacation. Formerly a dressmaker, she sought a faster way of making money, and found it as a betting commissioner.

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**MUSEUM EXPEDITION.****Geology of Gobi Basin.**

The geological results of the Asiatic Expeditions of the American Museum of Natural History include a detailed study of the basin structures of Mongolia a first instalment of which is presented by C. P. Bowey and F. K. Morris in the Bull. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., vol. II, 1924, pp. 103-127.

Between the Arctic and the Gobi divides lies the Gobi Basin, a down-warped plateau bounded by rims that stand some 3000 feet above its average level. Within it are many minor basins that the authors distinguish by the term *talus* (Mongol for "open stoppards"). Each of these in turn contains still smaller basins which are the *quots* proper of the Mongols. The basement rocks make up a deformed complex that probably corresponds on the whole to the Archaean of other lands, and in particular to the Tai Shan complex of China.

Above these there are probably representatives of the Middle and Upper pre-Cambrian and all are cut by an immense batholith. Next come infolded remnants of Carboniferous and Permian marine sediments, and more extensive series of continental clastics that seem to be of Lower Jurassic age. All these older formations were strongly folded and worn down to a mature peneplain before the nearly horizontal basin sediments were deposited. These belong to the Cretaceous and Tertiary, and represent a continuation of continental conditions that have persisted right down to the present day.

Two types of Gobi basins are recognised: one characterised by a faulted margin on the south, where the basins abut against the fault-block ranges of the Eastern Altai; and the other by simple downwarping in the less disturbed areas. The faulted basins contain lavas and a much greater thickness of sediments than the warped basins; but in both types sedimentation was intermittent, and in any one basin long intervals are unrepresented by deposits. The Miocene, for example, is almost completely absent from vast areas of Asia.

On the whole, then, the Angara-Gobia continent seems to have been stable for long periods, and to have suffered regional denudation ever since the Jurassic folding. Complementary sedimentation within its own borders is registered only where gentle warping and marginal faulting provided temporary collecting basins.

**OPIUM IN ASIA.****Soldier's Emergency Ration.**

Mr. A. T. Wilson, writing to the *Times* recently, says:

It is, perhaps, not generally known that no Eastern country has taken in recent years such energetic, or on the whole, such successful measures as have been taken in Persia, without any prompting from outside sources, to restrict consumption and to bring the production and manufacture of opium under control. But the Persian Government cannot reduce the cultivation of the poppy as yet without immense loss to the Exchequer, and without risking its own stability. There is no drug problem in Persia (or India) such as exists in the United States. Opium was familiar to the Sumarians and Babylonians 40 or 50 centuries before America was discovered; it was known to Theophrastus and to Diocles; throughout the ages in Persia its use has been widespread, its abuse rare. As in India, it is the soldier's emergency ration, the muleteer's tonic, the rice-grower's trifluge, and the starveling's solace; it is daily used to ease the pain of thousands of sick and injured men who cannot hope to obtain medical assistance.

Physically and mentally the Persian need not be afraid to challenge comparison with the polyglot communities of the New World, for whose sake it is apparently desired to circumscribe the liberties of Eastern races who can use without abusing stimulants. The existence in Western countries of a few weak-minded drug addicts is a poor excuse for undermining by harassing legislation (the cost of enforcing which is bound to be very heavy) the sturdy individualism that is one of the most enduring assets of the Persian race.

**PRE-HUMAN AFRICA.****Connection With South America.**

The main facts or probabilities impressed on a natural history in surveying the history of the mammalian fauna of Africa are four in number (says Sir Harry Johnston in the Nineteenth Century):—

1. The early separation of Morocco and Algeria from Western Nigeria by an arm of the sea or an immense expanse of shallow water.

2. That Egypt has been the main door of entry to the African continent for its mammalian fauna.

3. That there remains a curious gap in distribution (perhaps only of recent origin) between East and South Africa. This occurs in Northern Zambezia-Nyasaland-Mozambique.

In this intervening gap between the basin of the Rufiji River on the north and the whole course of the Zambezi River on the south, many striking genera and species of mammals are missing which are characteristic of East and of South Africa. There are no giraffes, no true gazelles or oryx antelopes, no ostriches, no secretary birds, no otocyon foxes, no black-jacks; and many other beasts and birds characteristic of both South and East Africa are missing—an altogether unaccountable fact.

4. That during the Secondaries and up to the middle of the Miocene Tertiaries there must have subsisted a broad land belt connecting West Africa with Brazil and Guiana. This land belt—remains of which are evident in the sea-bottom—is necessary to explain the remarkable similarity between the ancient fauna of Africa and Madagascar and that of Eastern South America.

**VIRTUES OF CASTE.****Foundation of Indian Life.**

No scheme of Indian progress is worth consideration (says a writer in *Blackwood*) that ignores the very foundation of Indian life—namely the caste system.

Although utterly uncompromised in England, and there regarded as a medieval aristocratic survival, the caste system in reality is a democratic institution in what Kipling has called in "Kim" the only democratic country in the world. In India upon this caste system depend the dignity of labour, personal and communal hygiene, public and private decency, and economic efficiency.

To those Socialists in the West who suspect it of being a mere capitalist shackles on the workers it may be explained that the field labourer or common soldier is frequently of higher caste than the prince who employs him; and that if there be any aristocratic idea present, it concerns an aristocracy of spiritual and not of Bolivian values.

There has been much talk between conflicting British political parties as to whether India is "ripe" or "unripe" for Western forms of Government. Will such simple provincial provincials never learn that India is "over-ripe" for the rather naive and crude idealism of the West, and only desires and needs Western advice and guidance on severely concrete matters where peculiar circumstances and abnormal conditions hamper her native genius?

**ZOO ACQUISITION.****Spider that Traps Small Birds.**

A Gambian spider, which builds a 40 ft. web, strong enough to catch small birds, is the latest addition to the London Zoo insect house.

Having no popular name, it has been dubbed a silk spider by the officials.

This appellation is certainly appropriate, for, apart from the enormous size of its web, the silk, which is yellow in colour, is much stronger than that of the domestic silkworm (says a *Nature* writer).

The silk of this African spider has been tried commercially, but has been a failure because, I believe, of the difficulty of procuring the spider in sufficient numbers to make the venture profitable.

Spiders, unlike silkworms, are cannibalistic, and a second specimen, which accompanied the newcomer at the Zoo, arrived

**NURSING DRAGON-FLY NYMPHS.****Professor As Foster-Parent.**

Prof. F. Balfour Browne, in the fourth of his lectures to juveniles on "The Habits of Insects," at the Royal Institution last month, appeared in the role of a phenomenally patient foster-parent of a family of dragon-fly nymphs.

Some seventeen years ago, he said, when he lived on the Norfolk Broads and little was known about the habits of dragon-flies, he adopted a family of 175 in the nymph stage, housing each one in a separate tumbler. On an average they were no larger than one twenty-fifth of an inch, but "Every day, for a fortnight," he declared, "I measured each one of these nymphs. I started early in the morning and continued till late at night." (Loud juvenile clapping.)

But that was not all. He had to feed as well as measure them, or there would be nothing left to measure. So he put dung, willow roots, etc., into the water of each glass, and out came swarms of slippery animalcula, on which the little creatures fed during their early stages. He noticed that, while not demanding living food, they insisted on at least moving food, and would only touch inanimate substance if it was dangling to and fro before them.

Prof. Browne's next achievement was to measure the length of the antennae of each one of his foster-family in relation to the length of each segment of them at different stages, and strike averages by means of carefully-kept chart. Thus he found that the centre of growth was always at the base.

**ENDURANCE TEST.**

The superlative trial of endurance, however, came when suddenly he had to shift to Ireland, taking in Scotland on the way. Exactly ninety-eight of those nymphs he took with him in tubes and tumblers, the remainder of the tumblers being packed by the removal man. "I think," he remarked, "that those removal men were suspicious that I kept a public-house without a license." On arrival in Scotland all the little nymphs had to be unpacked and attended to before the journey was resumed. There were only two casualties, where he had filled the tubes too full of water and left no room for air.

Some of the nymphs, which he put into incubators through the winter, went on eating and maturing, and hatched out into winged dragon-flies in ten months, at least a year before they otherwise would have done. This might account for the swarms which occurred periodically, particularly in places like Heligoland, on the assumption that where the Northern countries experienced unusually mild winter the young nymphs hatched out before their time, so that one got two seasons' progeny taking wing together.

Dragon-flies, the lecturer pointed out, were brightly coloured and beautiful because they were sun-lovers, whereas night insects tended to be dull, and even, according to our standards, ugly. Perhaps the latter were nocturnal because they knew their appearance was not too attractive. It reminded him of a farmer who, going into the farmyard one night, saw one of his labourers going off with a lantern. "Where be goin', Gargo?" he asked him. And Gargo said: "I be goin' courting' master." "Why, when I went courting' I didn't take a lantern," remarked the farmer. "No," said Gargo, "and look what ye've got!"

It would be difficult to say which the juniors enjoyed most, that little anecdote or the lecturer's fascinating description of the way in which these little nymphs split their skins and sailed out on their virginal flights as free, glorious spirits of the air.

without five of its eight legs. A third had died, apparently while changing its skin.

A portion of web, enclosed in the box, had the remains of several grasshoppers enmeshed, and the wing cases alone were fully 3 in. long.

In the African forests female birds have been found similarly trapped, while the sturdy web has been known to remove the hats of travellers passing beneath.

An effort is being made to provide crickets for the Gambian gastronomie, but, meanwhile, it will have to content itself with blowflies.

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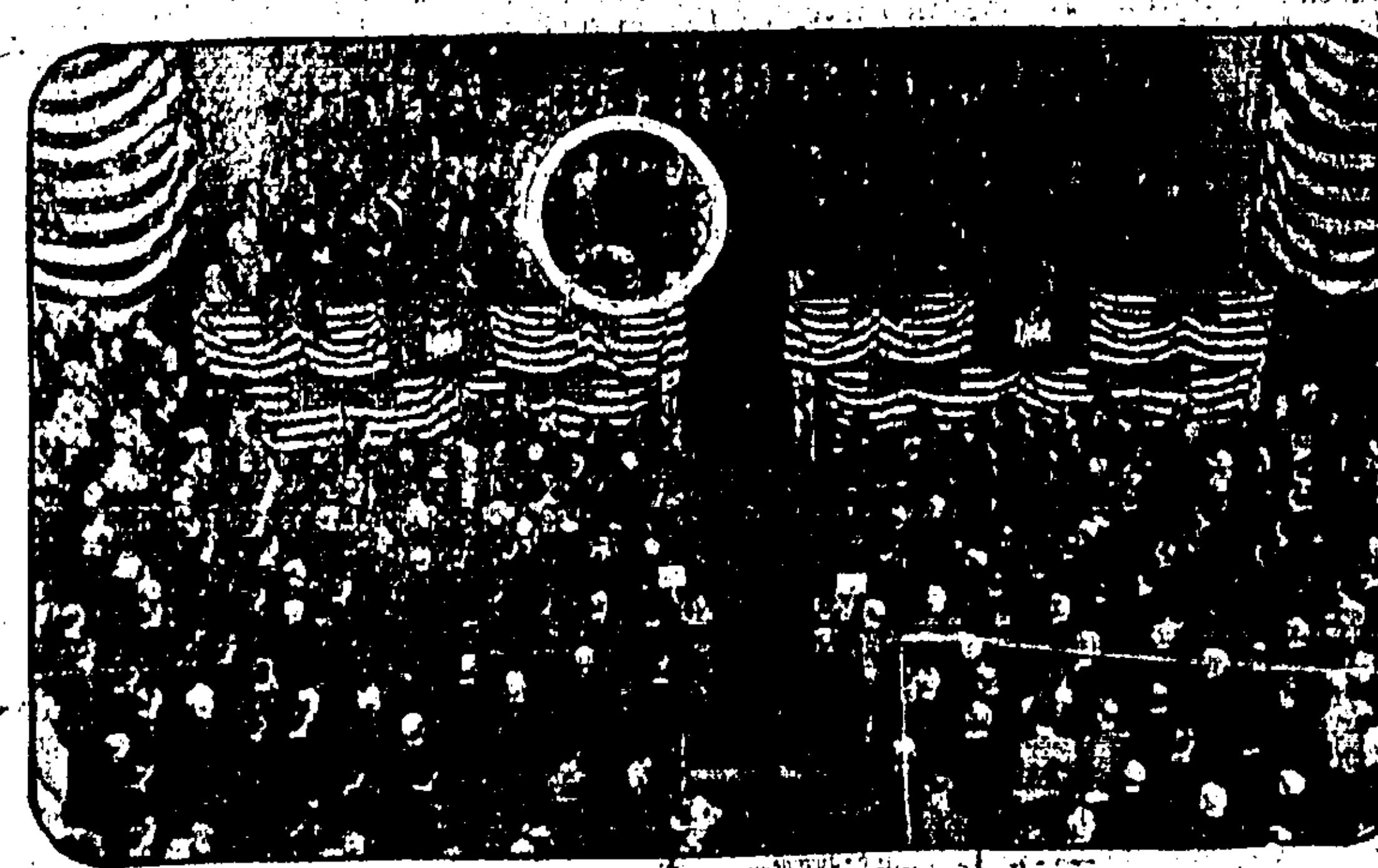
# CURRENT PICTORIAL NEWS.



Handcuffed, Carl Tresen, editor of the New York Italian paper *Il Muretto*, starts for Atlanta Federal Prison to serve a year for running a birth control advertisement.



Major Thornton Mills, pastor of the New England Congregational Church, Chicago, is defying efforts of his church council to remove him from his pulpit. He incurred the council's displeasure by his alleged "radicalism."



For the first time in more than a hundred years the same man took oath of office for the third time as Governor of New York. And to make the occasion still more memorable, a woman administered the oath of office in her capacity as Secretary of State. The photo shows the inauguration of Governor Alfred E. Smith with Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, administering the oath. Both are shown in the circle.



Dorothy Waters, of Jersey City, N.J., tried a sharp turn on her skates at Lake Hopatcong, N.J., and learned that "it can't be done."



Miss Marion Ivey Harris of Atlanta, Ga., who is responsible for the latest fad among the Georgia girls—the wearing of a monocle. Quite fetching—what?



In a canoe which formerly belonged to Fred Allendt, New York "gangster," Sheriff Earle Brown of Minneapolis found a rifle which could be discharged by a hidden spring. Sheriff Brown recalled that when Allendt was being taken to New York he asked to use the canoe, but the Sheriff refused.



Frank Frisch, who vies with Rogers Hornsby as the outstanding star of the National League, doesn't believe in spending the winter in idleness. Here we have Frisch as manager of the toy department in a big New York store. It will be noted that he is demonstrating a baseball toy of which he is the inventor. Manager John McGraw of the New York Giants rates Frisch as the greatest "ball" player that he has ever handled.



This nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Brogdon of Atlanta, Ga., weighs just 32 pounds. Can you beat her?

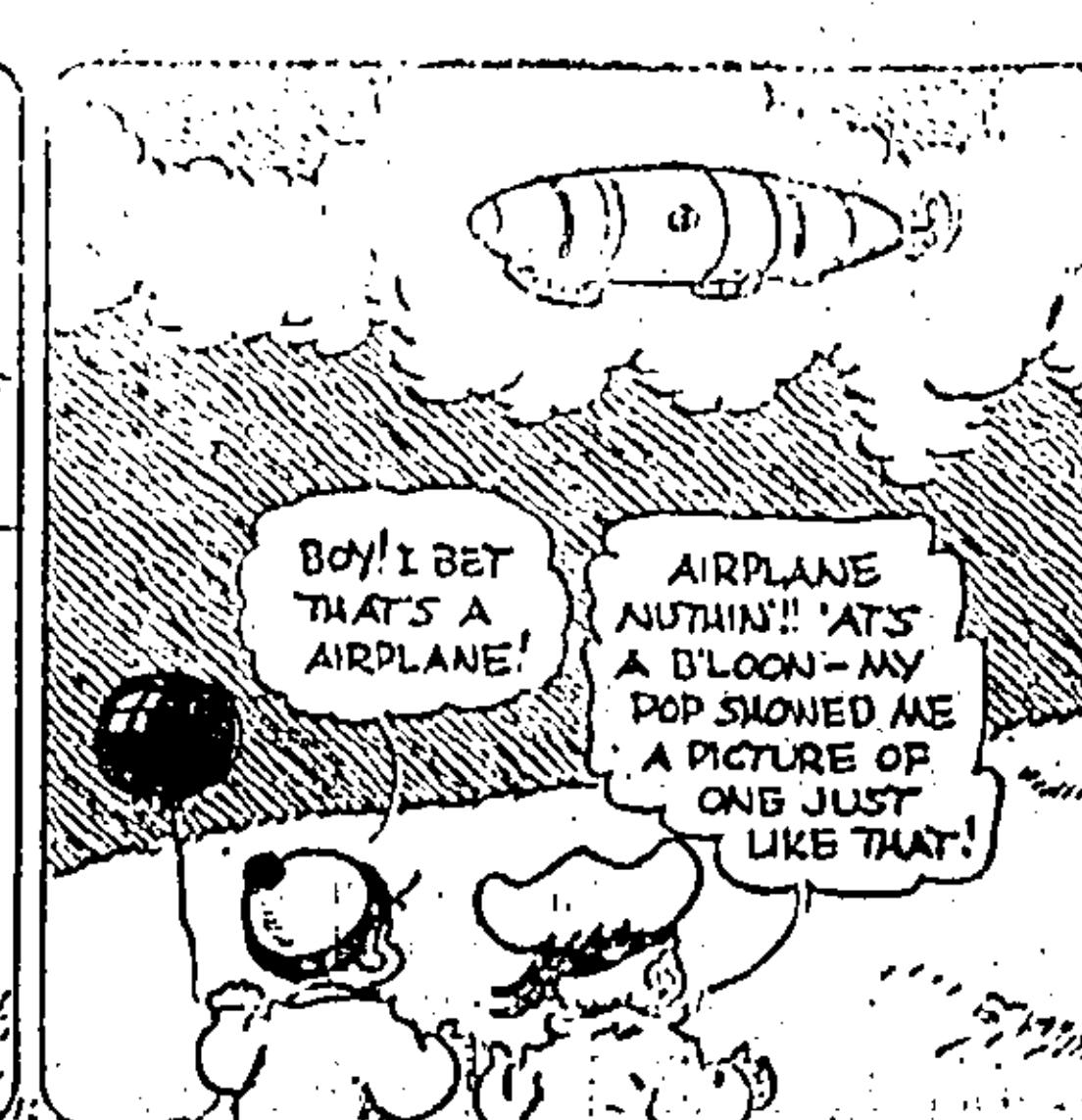
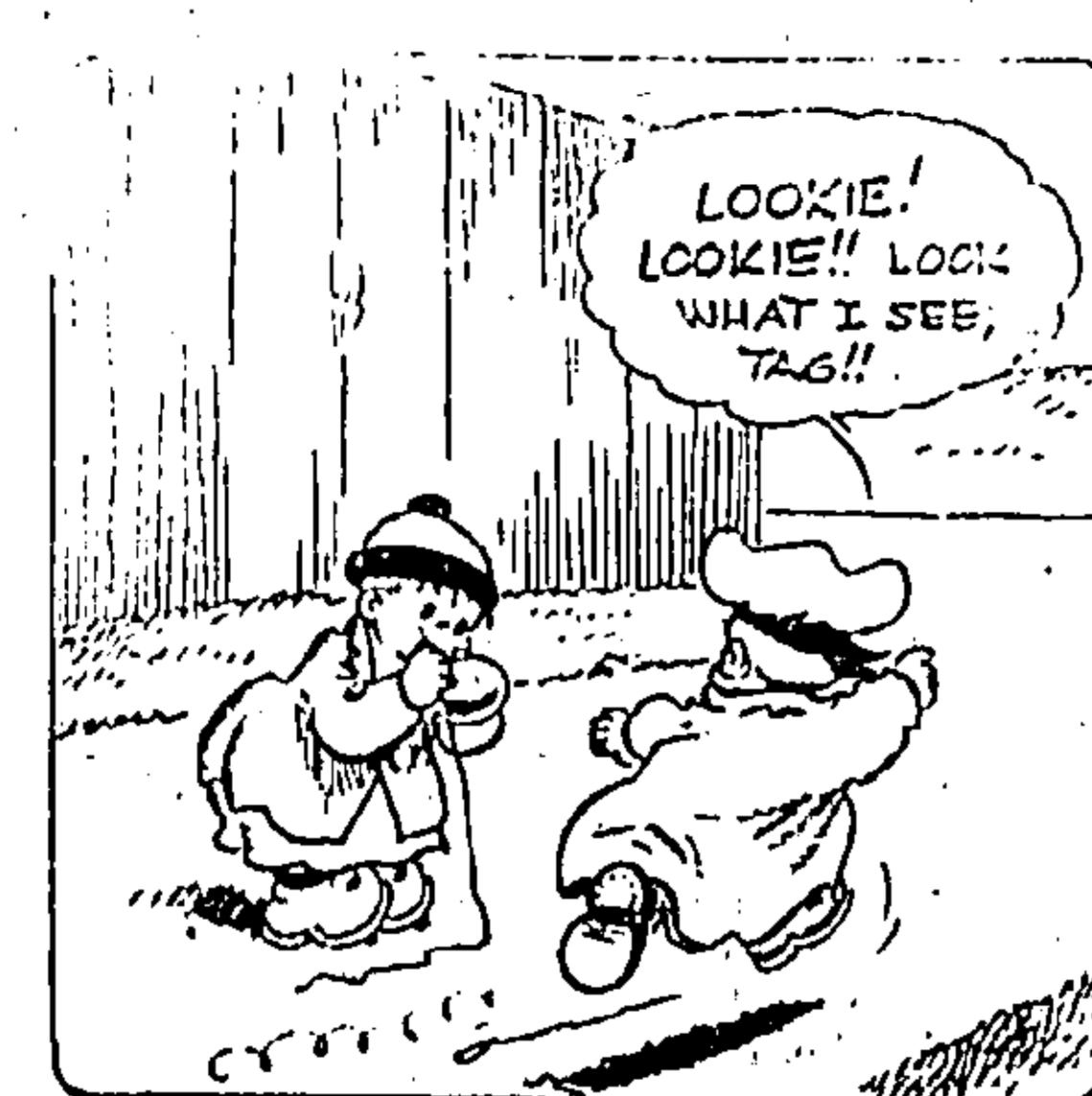


One of the damaged piers of St. Paul's Cathedral.  
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P. & O. Bank	n. 1214	b. 1214	
Bank of E. Asia	n. 97	n. 97	
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H.K. Steamboats	b. 58	b. 59	
H.K. Tugs	a. 34	b. 32	
Indes (Prof.)	b. 480	b. 490	
Indes Def. Lon/Reg.	n. 38	n. 38	
Indes Def. H.K. Reg.	n. 120	n. 120	
Shells	b. 93/6	b. 93/6	
Ferries	b. 8/24	b. 82	ss 83
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J. K. Hotel (cum rts.)	a. 18	ss 173/18	
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## SHIPPING NEWS

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been received to noon to-day:

## Vessels Arrived.

Vessel	Agents	From	To Hongkong	Moored
Kwonggang	J. M. & Co.	Keelung	14th Feb.	23rd Feb.
Kilyan	B & S	Taipeh via Swallow		
Changchow	"	Hankow via Swallow		
Patchou	"	Hainan		
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Hakka Produce	K. Lien & Co.	Koeking		
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## Impending Arrival.

Vessel	Agents	From	To Hongkong	Due Hongkong
Emperor	N. Y. K.	Shanghai	14th	2nd Mar.
Aurora	B. & S.	Shanghai	9th	
E. L. & C. M.	N. Y. K.	Tokio	14th	26th
Emperor	B. & S.	Tokio	14th	2nd Mar.
Empress of Asia	O. P. S. Ltd.	Shanghai	26th	

## Consignees Diary.

Vessel	Agents	Goods	Storage	Claims	Examination Date
Jefferson	A. O. L.	Kowloon	Feb. 23	Feb. 20	Feb. 20
Florence	A. O. L.	Kowloon	Feb. 23	Feb. 23	Feb. 23
Paul de Kirby	A. O. L.	Kowloon	Feb. 23	Feb. 23	Feb. 23
Robert Deller	A. O. L.	Kowloon	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Feb. 24
Autogas	H. & S.	Holt's	Feb. 24	Mar. 12	Feb. 24
Autogas	H. & S.	Holt's	Feb. 24	Mar. 2	Feb. 24
Autogas	H. & S.	Holt's	Feb. 24	Mar. 2	Feb. 24
Autogas	N. Y. K.	K. Wilson	Feb. 1	Mar. 3	Feb. 24

## Steamers' Movements.

Empress of Asia arrived at Nanking on the 11th Feb., 1925, left Nagasaki on the 1st Feb. 1925, and is due to arrive at the 21st Feb. 1925, 11.00 a.m.  
Kwangtung is due to arrive at 8.00 a.m. on Feb. 23rd, 1925, and will berth at Pier No. 4, Kowloon Wharf.

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## CHANGE IN SAILING DATE

## EMPEROR OF ASIA

Will sail for

## MANILA

At 5.00 p.m., Thursday, February, 26th

## and arrive MANILA

At 8.00 a.m., Saturday, February 28th.

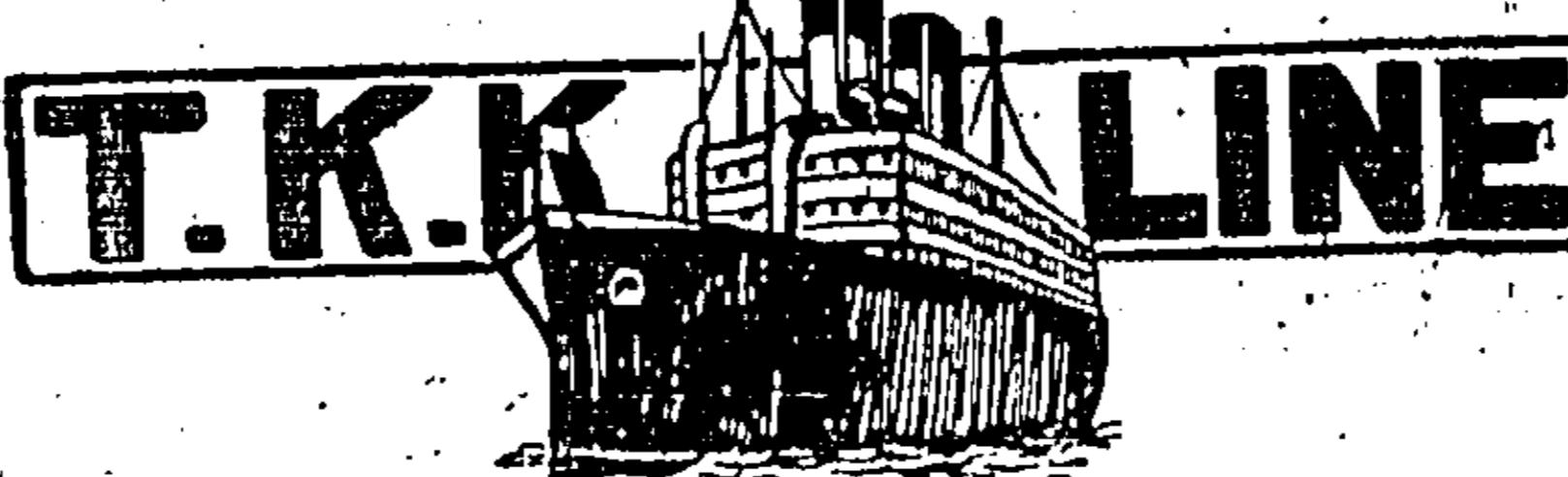
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In spite of the fact that the gipsy moth is a winged insect, it does not spread from the territory to which it belongs. It is thought that the caterpillars have long hairs growing out of their bodies. These hairs, it is thought, together with the silk which the larvae spin, help to buoy them up in the wind, which sometimes carries them from half a mile to five miles from their starting place. To learn about the winds which caused this casual spread of the caterpillar, aeronauts, 7,000 hydrogen filled toy balloons were sent up some months ago. Each balloon bore a numbered tag requesting the finder to return it with a record of the time and place where found. Over 400 tags were returned by the end of

the season. They were found practically throughout southern New England, a number being picked up on both the eastern and southern coasts. One balloon was found off Yarmouth Cap, Nova Scotia, a drift of about 400 miles in 18 hours. Seven covered distances of 110 to 145 miles. One drifted 65 miles at the rate of 100 miles per hour.

Another remained in the air six and a quarter hours, and then dropped at the point of release evidently carried back by a counter-current.

One season's work was thought insufficient to justify definite conclusions with such variable factors as the winds, and the investigations are to be continued on a more extensive scale.

## SCHOOLS IN CHINA

The Missionary Herald for January publishes a diagram showing the growth of missionary schools in China. The rate of increase in the numbers of pupils has been specially rapid in the last ten years. In the first 34 years the advance amounted to 17,000 (from 5,000 to 22,000) while in the ten years 1910-1920 the increase has been no less than 258,000. The very small increase from 1900 to 1910 was due to the dislocation caused by the Boxer troubles.

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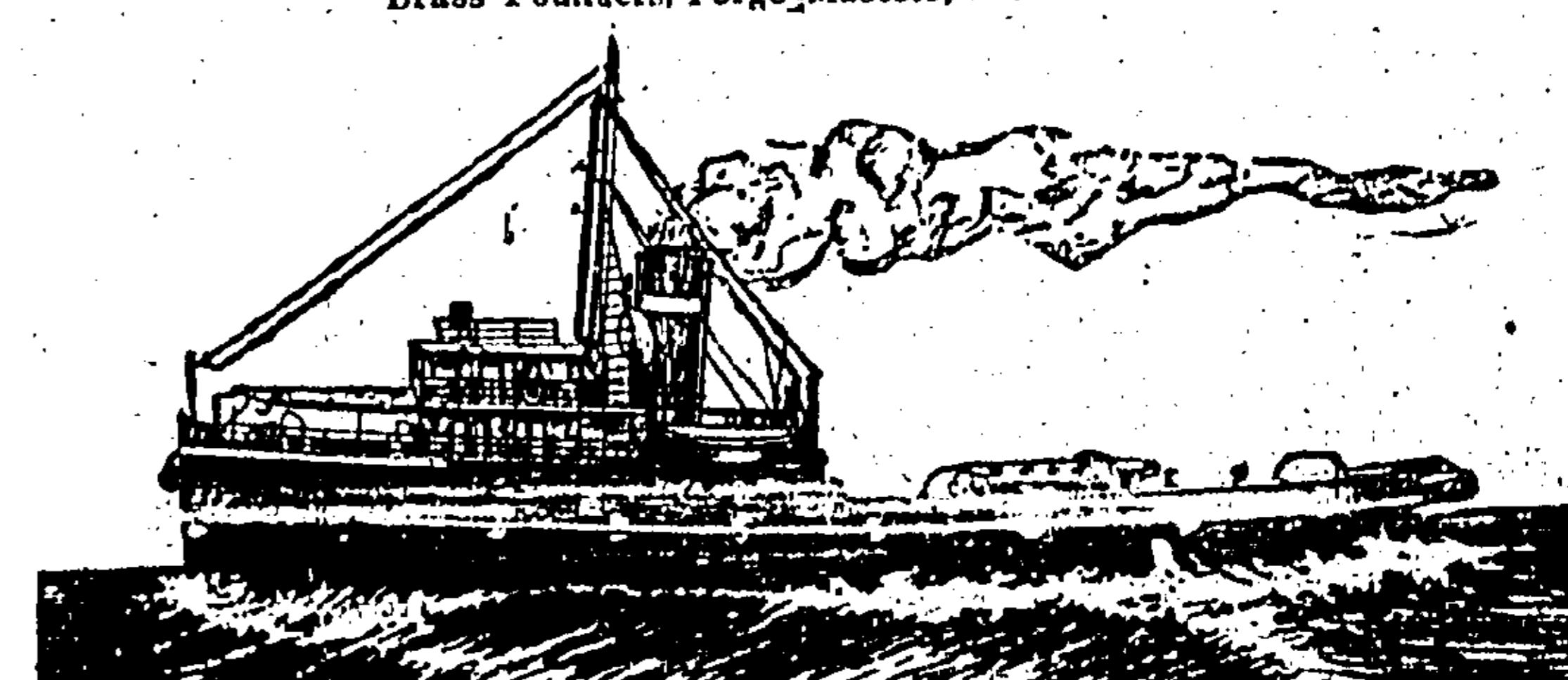
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JEYPORE	6,690	11th Mar.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
KODDAN	9,005	19th Mar.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
KASHIWAR	5,334	21st Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp
KIDDERPORE	6,715	26th Mar.	Singapore & Bombay
MIRZAPORE	6,813	1st Apr.	Singapore & Bombay
DICHLA	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KARMAKA	9,098	18th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
SARDINIA	6,684	16th May	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
NAGOGA	6,854	26th May	Marseilles & London
SOUDAN	6,696	28th May	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
MUNDA	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,118	13th June	M'les, London & Antwerp
BICILIA	6,819	23rd June	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London

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KARMAKA	9,098	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo
TALIBA	10,000	28th Mar.	Kobo
MACEDONIA	10,089	3rd April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo
TILAWA	10,006	4th April	Kobo
ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th April	Moji & Kobo
TALIBA	8,500	14th April	Kobo
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The anticyclone has strengthened considerably. It is now central over N.E. China or S.E. Mongolia.

Frost to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 4.47 inches, against an average of 2.77 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast.

1 Formosa Channel

2 South coast of N.E. winds, China between fresh;

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3 H'kong to Gap some Rock..... drizzle or

4 South coast of mist.

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Hongkong, February 23

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